



# WEEKLY

Week of October 19, 2025

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



This Sunday St. James' is officially kicking off our Stewardship season. During Adult Formation time at 10 a.m., Mother Pilar will be teaching about membership in the Diocese wider Episcopal Church, and in the Kingdom of God. A discussion that will include how our identity in Christ is formed through community,

worship, and stewardship of our lives (not just money). A stewardship mailing will be sent in the beginning of this coming week. This year we are focusing on deeper, more thoughtful **engagement** between our three services, wider community involvement, and a deeper sense of belonging. While we are worshipping in this space and time, it is in the present that we prepare for the future. The more people who actively engage in St. James' and its ministries, the stronger the faith community we will become. There will be pledge cards in the mailing and on the welcome tables. If you have any questions regarding your pledge year to date statement, please contact Nicole Bova, Parish Administrator at 315-685-7600.

As we think about all the ways we can give, please consider how your time, talent, and treasure will sustain us this year and in the years to come.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday October 19

#### Preacher:

7:00 a.m. Rite I  
8:30 a.m. Rite II with Organ & Choir \*  
Mini-Saints Sunday School (lower level)  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Adult Formation Class-  
Lakeside Room & Saints-in-Training  
10:45 a.m. Rite II Contemporary Worship  
with Praise Band \*  
12 p.m. Diversity Book Club Lakeside  
Room

### Monday -Parish Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Yoga-CHAPEL

### Tuesday

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom  
10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Bible Study Zoom

### Wednesday

#### NO Healing Worship TODAY

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Yoga

### Friday-Office Closed

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer Zoom  
1:15 p.m. Sandwich Making for Homeless  
**7:00 p.m. Compline\*-John Gillmeister**  
**ONLINE ONLY**

**StJamesSkan.org**

\*Worship Live-Streamed  
Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles

Drop Off Your Month  
of Community Service  
Donations TODAY-  
Items Needed Check  
out the Sign Up  
ONLINE

CreationCARE Meeting  
November 2  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room



**ADULT FORMATION  
BEGINS! EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH: MEMBERSHIP,  
SACRAMENTS & HOLY  
DYING**

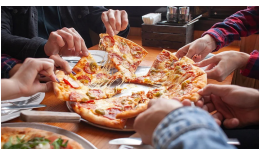
Join the 6-week series on the Episcopal Church. This program will be for newcomers and long time parishioners alike. Mother Pilar is leading a talk about theology, sacraments, membership, death/dying, resurrection and more! Sunday mornings have been reconfigured to allow space for learning and fellowship for both adults & children-please give it a try!

**Did You Know? By Emma Cowley**

Downtown Syracuse has a new reason to satisfy its sweet tooth with the opening of Sweets for Babe, a dessert shop specializing in small-batch banana pudding and fresh cold-pressed juices. Tucked into the lower level of the McCarthy Mercantile at 217 S Salina Street, this cozy new addition blends Southern comfort with a modern twist.

Owner Nikki Poles, originally from Trinidad, launched in April 2025, Sweets for Babe is already gaining attention for its focus on high-quality ingredients and classic, nostalgic flavors. Their signature banana pudding, crafted in small batches, is at the heart of the menu, offering a rich, creamy taste that channels homemade goodness. The shop's minimalist setup allows the desserts to take center stage, offering a casual yet stylish space for a quick treat or a relaxed break. In addition to pudding, the menu includes cold-pressed juices, adding a refreshing balance to the sweet offerings. As part of the revitalization of downtown Syracuse's food scene, Sweets for Babe stands out for its commitment to quality and its focus on a niche—Southern-inspired desserts—that's both comforting and unique. With convenient hours and a prime location, it's poised to become a go-to spot for locals and visitors alike.

Whether you're a banana pudding lover or simply in search of something sweet, Sweets for Babe is worth a stop.



**CALLING ALL MIDDLE & HIGH  
SCHOOL YOUTH & FRIENDS!**

Please join our new director, Sarah Jones, for a pizza party (gluten free options will be available) at 12 pm on

Sunday, 10/26 in the parish hall. She would love to get to know all of our youth and talk about a new and exciting program for our older kids. Please bring your youth to take part in the beginning of a new faith community here at St. James'.

**COFFEE WITH A COP  
October 26 -9:30 a.m.  
-10:30 a.m.**

during Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

Come meet and chat with the Skaneateles Police Department officers. This is the perfect time to welcome them to St. James', ask questions, and meet the dedicated officers who serve our community everyday. Coffee with a Cop is a national effort to bridge residents with the local law enforcement. Skaneateles has been a true leader in this area with numerous events. Come share some coffee and conversation on Oct. 26!



**Ways to Help Our Merriman Circle Families!  
There are Exciting New programs!**

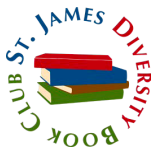
- Reading together, we are looking for volunteers to read to a child at Merriman afterschool, one on one. As often as it works for you and the child, weekly or monthly.
- Monthly Dinner for kids at Merriman Circle. Rosemary, the activities person at Merriman Circle, prepares a meal for those who may not eat a dinner at home. They eat together in the Community center and are learning how to sit and eat a meal with others. St. James' has volunteered to bring one monthly meal for her to warm and serve. Love to cook-this is a perfect volunteer opportunity. Please let Nancy know if you can make a monthly meal.
- Almost Christmastime! St. James' annual collection of PJ's for each child at Merriman, the list of child sizes will be posted soon.
- Children's Cooking Classes-Nancy Lee hosts Cooking Classes at 3:30-5 p.m. on the THIRD Monday of the month. Volunteers to assist Nancy are wanted. No experience is necessary, just a love for working with kids. Volunteers arrive around 3 p.m. to help set up. Contact Nancy Lee with any questions 315-256-8196 or balsamrosesoap@gmail.com

If you are interested in any of these wonderful volunteer opportunities, please contact Nancy Graham at nancymgraham4@gmail.com.



**Daylight Savings  
November 2**

**All Saints Sunday November 2! Bring in Pictures of Your Loved Ones!** Drop Off at Table Outside the Parish Hall! All Saints Sunday is Nov. 2-St. James' will be celebrating at all 3 worship services-7AM, 8:30AM & 10:45AM. It is now our tradition to fill our sanctuary with the faces of the departed-including pets! Please bring in your framed picture/labeled and place on the table outside the sacristy & parish hall. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.



## St. James' Diversity Book Club Fall 2025

TODAY SUNDAY-12PM OCTOBER 19 12PM

**James** by Percival Everett

**Visit [StJamesSkan.org/st-james-diversity-book-club/](http://StJamesSkan.org/st-james-diversity-book-club/) for more details.** Also be sure to check out the Book Nook in the back of the church. Feel free to borrow a book.



## *Big Thank You From Nancy Graham!*

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to celebrate my 80th birthday and to those who couldn't but wanted to be there. Even though there was a little

wondering on my part, it was still a surprise to see so many people whom I care about..... this was reflected in my tears of joy. Our boys, with Laura's help, did an amazing job planning and delivering on such a special day. Not an easy task when I'm frequently in and out of church and I also wanted to spend so much time with them and their families this weekend! I can't thank you enough, I am truly blessed to receive letters and messages of love passed onto the boys, allowing my 80th birthday to live in my heart for days to come.

My family, friends and church mean the world to me, as you all are the center of my life. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of yours. I can't wait to see you soon.

Love and blessings, Nancy

## Saying Good-Bye to Michael Larkin

Dear St. James',

Working with Michael over the past year has been such a gift to me and the beginning of my time with you here at St. James'. As a musician myself, I feel blessed to have someone so creative, talented, and dedicated on staff. While I am sad to see Michael step back from this position, I completely understand and



support his decision. Michael sees his life as both a vocation and walk with God. He is dedicated to his faith and is such a gift to this community. Like all ministries, we have to follow nudges when the Holy Spirit calls us to new things. I know that Michael is being called to serve God in a new way and I am excited to see what this new chapter brings for him. Michael's entire family is a part of St. James', so I have assured him that he always has

a home here and I expect him to attend church regularly. Please join me in thanking Michael for his service and supporting his entire family during this time.

Beginning November 3rd, Dr. Nicholas Kilkenny, will begin as our new Choirmaster/Director of Music and Technology. Nick will lead both the worship band and choir, as well as provide our online services. I am currently in discussion with two organist candidates who hopefully can assume the position upon Michael's departure. Things may look a little different but Nick is an untapped talent. His education and experience is a gift to our community and I am grateful for his future leadership over the St. James' music department. I am confident all of you will continue to support Nick and his growing ministry. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ, Mother Pilar

## COLLECTING FOR MONTH OF SERVICE-DROP OFF IN BASKET OUTSIDE PARISH HALL

**InterFaith Works-**Tops Supermarket Gift Cards Any Amount. Please place card in offering plate in an envelope marked "Outreach"

**Skaneateles Food Pantry-**16oz or 24 oz Vegetable Oil & Small Liquid Laundry Detergent

**Saint Peter & Saint John Soup Kitchen-**Dawn Dish Washing Liquid Any Full Size

**Sign Up to Clean a Space in the Church to prepare for the Advent and Christmas Season!** There is a sign up board in the rear of the church with items to tackle! Bring a friend! Any questions, please contact Nancy Graham [nancymgraham4@gmail.com](mailto:nancymgraham4@gmail.com) or Bev Smith [airmom2@verizon.net](mailto:airmom2@verizon.net).

## St. James' Prayers for Week of October 19, 2025

**In our parishes, we pray for the people** of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cazenovia and their priest, the Rev. Rebecca Roberts, and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Chenango Bridge and their priest, the Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell. **In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people** of the Diocese of California and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Austin Keith Rios. **In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people** of the Episcopal Church and for our presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe.

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Kathleen Owen's (mother of Amy Schiek), Lori Schiek ( sister-in-law if Amy), Jim Lanning, Christine Posecznick (Sister in law of Laura Posecznick), Travis and Aubrey Hyde ( son and daughter-in-law of Nicole), Joe Mooney, Cincy (sister of Carolyn Ebner), Anne & Bob Stenhouse (Laura Posecznick's parents), Stephanie Hembach ( daughter-in-law of Gay), Nicole Hyde, Robert Jansen (friend of Joan Johnson), Pinky Grau, Willie Crary, Jim & Nancy Corl, George Parnell (Mother Pilar's son), John Devins, Pat Brown, Mike Fowler, Sharon Gannon, Ed & Mary Kay Cole, and Sandy Fillingham.

**Those listed on our long term prayer list:** Pat Odom (mother of Michele Lytle), Brooke (Ann Scholl daughter in law), Mary Bradley, Tara Covert, Diana O'Brien, Maria Malvaso, Evan Brown (Michael Brown's son), Barb Baker, Matt Bates, Tom (Nick Kilkenny's father in law), Edward, Laura Volk, & Adam Slavic (friends of Katie Grau), Dennis McEnergy (friend of Helen O'Neill), Sharon Arliess, Ann Scholl, Spencer Gervasoni, Susanne Rynkiewicz, Lauren Javis (daughter to a dear friend), Mary Beth Grau, George (husband of Barbara Kay), Jennifer Evans, Harry Peltz, Jim & Nora Brown, Donna Richards, Chris Richards, Michael Brown, Tracy Feocco, Linda Hawley, Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibedes), Pam Stewart, Ann Wolfe, 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), Matt & Lori Andrews (friends of Joan Johnson), Joan Johnson, Elliott Stokes (nephew of John Johnson), Lauren (granddaughter of Joan Johnson), Ben (grandson of Joan Johnson), 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, 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), Darwin Parker, Jude Ker, Linda Lavery, Judy Santillo & Ann Malvaso (sister's of Marie Hughes), Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Dot Pitman, 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, Alberto Fry, David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Gwen Birchenough, Pat Gannon, Jennifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery), 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@stjameskan.org](mailto:nancy@stjameskan.org).

Birthday List Announcement, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Email Prayer Chain, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh at [corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)



**Readings Sunday October 26, 2025**

Sirach 35:12-17

or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18



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