

# The Spirit of St. James'

Lent 2026

We are...a welcoming community  
We are...Rich with history  
We are...Spiritually empowered  
We are...Family  
We are...Mission driven



Dear St. James',

As we enter this Lenten season, I invite all of you to the observance of a Holy Lent through prayer, discerning where God is calling you to shine the light of God's presence through your own lives, and engaging in any spiritual practices that feel meaningful to you. Our Sunday adult forum will be entitled "What Would Jesus Say?" For the past few weeks you have all had the opportunity to submit questions you may have about current topics, events or things that are said about the Christian faith. We will spend Sundays in Lent exploring the gospels and talking about what Jesus really said about these things and how we can shed God's truth in the world. This will coincide with the classes our Director of Youth and Family Ministries Sarah Jones is teaching in the Saints in Training classroom. In addition, if you would like to find a more individual way to connect with God and scripture, I have a few book suggestions below:

- *Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross*, by Susan Robb
- *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine
- *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*, by Adam Hamilton
- *Entering the Passion: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by Amy-Jill Levine
- *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross*, by Susan Robb
- *Why Did Jesus Have to Die: The Meaning of the Crucifixion*, by Adam Hamilton

A few of these I have used previously in book studies, some are new this year and I will be reading along, too. But I encourage you to explore something you are curious to learn more about. I am looking forward to this last half of the program year as we continue to grow in faith together.

Yours In Christ,  
Mother Pilar

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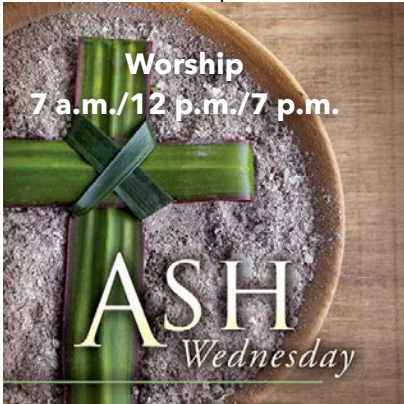
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**Bishop DeDe Duncan Probe to Visit St. James' on March 15**

Bishop DeDe will be here to share her message and also confirm/receive individuals into the Episcopal faith. If you or a member of your family is interested in being confirmed/received or baptized, please see Mother Pilar as soon as possible.



**184 Blankets Delivered to Meachem Elementary School! Thank You for Your Generosity!**  
The school is so appreciative, and these students in need will have a token of warmth for their February break! St. James' always comes through, and it makes a big difference!

*Lenten Studies 2026*

**Sundays at 10-10:30 a.m. in the Lakeside Room beginning February 22**

**What Would Jesus Say? Led by Mother Pilar Parnell**

We will be discussing topics you have chosen by learning through scripture what Jesus would say about these topics today. There are slips of paper in the main church where you can fill out your interested topics.

**Wednesdays at 6:45-7:45 p.m. Middle/High School Youth Gathering & Beginning February 25**

**Adults: Study with Father Scott Parnell-Discussing The Apocalypse of John**

The Rapture. Nuclear holocaust. Extraterrestrials and earth-bound comets. Our minds swirl when we hear talk of the apocalypse, the supposed "end of the world." Even Instagram memes contemplate which chapter of Revelation we're doing today. But was that fear John's intention? Join Fr. Scott Parnell as he works through John's vision, rooted in historical context, and connects the Apocalypse of John with our contemporary world as we live into our vocation as the baptized people of God.



**7:45-8 p.m. All Ages Come Together for the Service of Compline led by Father Scott (in person only)**

- February Food Pantry Needs**
- Pasta Sauce
  - Lasagna Noodles
  - Small Shells
  - Medium Shells
  - Rigatoni
  - Farfalle
  - Rotini
  - Pancake Mix
  - Oatmeal

**Holy Week Schedule**  
**Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday**  
 7:15 a.m. / 8:30 a.m.\* / 10:45 a.m.\*  
 Palm Sunday Eucharist  
**Wednesday, April 1**  
 7 p.m. Tenebrae with Choir  
**Thursday, April 2**  
 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship with Foot Washing\*  
 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Silent Prayer Vigil: Parishioners can sit in the Nave for silent prayer & meditation  
**Friday, April 3**  
 8 a.m. Good Friday Eucharist  
 Noon -2 p.m. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross around the village. (Begins at St. Mary's)  
**Saturday, April 4**  
 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
 7 p.m. Easter Vigil with choir & Baptism\*  
**Sunday, April 5:**  
 9 a.m. Traditional Easter Eucharist\* &  
 11 a.m. Contemporary Easter Eucharist\*  
 \* Live-streamed on  
 \* [Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles](https://Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles)



SHROVE TUESDAY  
**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
**TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**  
 6-7p.m.  
 \$5 per person suggested donation  
 All pancakes gluten free!

*Melody's*  
You're in the Right Place

**Donations Made ONLINE - Do NOT Bring to St. James'!**

**Monday, March 9th 9:30 - 11 am**

**SUPPORT OUR GIRLS PERIOD!**

**SELF-CARE HYGIENE PRODUCTS Volunteer Packing Day**

Let's keep our girls stocked for the holiday break and ready for 2026 with healthy hygiene & period supplies!

Want to help us with products?

Melody's & Community Partners are gathering to pack bags of FREE PERIOD SUPPLIES & more for school aged girls:  
Melody's Coworking & Event Space  
128 Genesee Street, Suite 100, Auburn, NY  
info@melodyscnyc.com\* 315-370-9227

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**Coming After Easter: Adult Study for Sundays**

**How to be an Ally: What Jesus preached**

- April 12: What does Jesus say about Allyship?
- April 19: Whose story: Erasing past, present and future stories
- April 26: Being an Ally to Native Americans

These studies will be based on Luke 10: 25-42  
And *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence* by John Dear

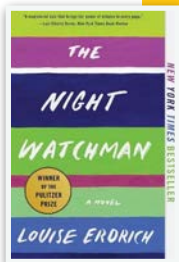
**Good Friday, April 3 Easter Egg Hunt at Merriman Circle in Auburn!**

Volunteers needed at 9:30 a.m. to hide eggs! Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to fill Easter Eggs with prizes. Be watching for eggs in box located in the Copy Room. Questions please contact Nancy Lee at [balsamrosesoap@gmail.com](mailto:balsamrosesoap@gmail.com) or Nancy Graham at [nancymgraham4@gmail.com](mailto:nancymgraham4@gmail.com).

**CreationCARE FastFacts: Recycling Responsibly**

We all are now good RECYCLERS. Trash landfills attract millions of birds to forage. Be sure to CUT HEAVY plastic carriers into small pieces being sure all SMALL HOLES ARE CUT. If a bird's foot gets caught in a small hole in the plastic they cannot get free nor fly so they STARVE TO DEATH! PLEASE CUT THE PLASTIC AS SHOWN BELOW!

**Diversity Book Club Next Discussion is Sunday, March 1, at Noon in the Lakeside Room**



**THE NIGHT WATCHMAN BY LOUISE ERDRICH**

**March 1:** Winner of the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, the novel is based on the extraordinary life of the author's grandfather, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native American dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.



**Did You Know? By Emma Cowley**

Julia Roberts has an unexpected personal connection to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. that she shared publicly. According to interviews she gave, Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King helped her family when she was born

in 1967 by paying her parents' hospital bill because her parents could not afford it. This happened because Roberts' parents ran a children's acting school in Atlanta that the King children attended, and the families became friends. Roberts has recounted this story in conversations with journalist Gayle King at a HISTORYTalks event, explaining that the Kings "helped us out of a jam" when she was born. So while Julia Roberts is not related by family to Martin Luther King Jr., she has shared this personal story of kindness and connection between her family and the Kings from the era of the Civil Rights movement.



## Children & Youth Schedule for February & March

- February 15:** No Mini-Saints or Saints-in-Training Sunday School Classes
- February 17:** Shrove Pancake Dinner, 6-7 p.m.
- February 18:** No Youth Group Gathering  
Ash Wednesday, 7 a.m./ Noon / 7 p.m.
- February 20:** Marcellus Lanes Bowling Outing, 6:30-8 p.m.
- February 25:** Youth Group, 6:45-7:45 p.m. with Compline at 7:45-8 p.m.
- March 1:** Creating Alms jars for Lent during Saints-in-Training Class, 10 a.m.
- March 4:** Youth Group, 6:45-7:45 p.m. with Compline at 7:45-8 p.m.
- March 11:** Youth Group, 6:45-7:45 p.m. with Compline at 7:45-8 p.m.
- March 18:** Youth Group 6:45-7:45 p.m. with Compline at 7:45-8 p.m.
- March 25:** Easter Hunt Service Work during Youth Group, 6:45-7:45 p.m. with Compline at 7:45-8 p.m.
- March 28:** Service Saturday
- March 29:** Palm Sunday-Regular Schedule of Classes
- April 5:** Easter Sunday, No Mini-Saints or Saints-in-Training Sunday School Classes



WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' HELP SHELF. WE HAVE BOOKS, SENSORY ITEMS, AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES. PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO ANYTHING YOU MIGHT NEED. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU WIPE DOWN ANYTHING YOU USE BEFORE RETURNING.

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE CARPETED AREA TO LET THEM PLAY DURING SERVICE. WE LOVE CHILDREN AND WE LOVE HAVING CHILDREN IN CHURCH. WE BELIEVE IN JOYFUL NOISE AND THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE EQUAL MEMBERS IN OUR PARISH AND THE BODY OF CHRIST. WELCOME, WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

FOR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT ABOUT CHILDREN, YOUTH, OR FAMILY MINISTRIES CONTACT SARAH JONES.

SARAH@STJAMESSKAN.ORG

NEW  
for  
FAMILIES



### FROM the DESK of Sarah Jones, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries



I look forward to my first Lenten season here at St. James'. We will be continuing our Wednesday night youth gatherings, which have been really fun. We are focusing on What Did Jesus Say? We choose a topic and focus in on what the Gospel reveals to us through Jesus' words.

Saints-In-Training is going wonderfully. We have consistent attendance and are working on some great foundations such as examples of prayer and worship. We are also digging into the Gospel lessons of the week to build upon what they learn in service and are expanding on biblical knowledge. I love watching these kids learn and grow and I am encouraged their curiosity.

**I have updated the Help Shelf in the back of the nave.** There are now activities for older kids and adults such as logic puzzles and word searches as well as blank prayer journals. Another new feature is our **sensory bucket that is equipped with fidget toys and headphones.** I have also placed toys in the carpeted area so new families feel welcome to bring their children there. Please help us by letting families know as they come in for service.

Another change in our ministry organization is how we are using the bulletin board downstairs outside of the children's wing. **This board has our monthly calendar, the sign-up sheet for service participation for kids and a place to volunteer for Mini-Saints.**

If a new family visits and has questions this would be an excellent place to walk them to so they can get information if I am unavailable. My email address is on the board as well so they can reach out.

The St. James' Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on April 4 at 11 a.m. We will be creating gift bags again this year and would love donations from the congregation. **Please look for the Amazon wish list link that will be emailed in the next few weeks.** Thank you for all of your support for the Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries as we continue to learn and grow during this new season.

*Sarah Jones*



# St. James' Church Skaneateles

## Easter Egg Hunt Sat., April 4, 11a.m.

### **Register Your Child to Participate in the Egg Hunt**

Kids each find 10 eggs and turn them in for a bag of treats. To offset costs, we are requesting families help fund the goodie bags.

There will be an Amazon wish list prepared for some of the items needed. Any donation is appreciated.

Questions contact the Parish Office at 315-685-7600.

**Side Lawn Next to Church**

**Register Link on Homepage of [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org)**



# St. James' Prayers

**Those expecting a baby:** Tori Seymour (daughter of Molly and Bill Spalding), Teddy & Mercedes Quinn

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Tom Holbrook (husband of Sandy), Georgiana Rebhahn, Carina and family (friend of Emily Thomas), Deborah Dubord (friend of Nancy Austin), Brian Davis, Kathie Peltz, Thomas Evans (Jennifer's son), Elizabeth McCall (niece and goddaughter of Cate Davis), Sarah (daughter of Mary Stiles), Diana Spencer (daughter-in-law of Susan & Dan Spencer), Will Wester (friend of Nancy Lee), Jim & Nancy Corl, Jean Bailer, Ann Scholl, Don Evans, Coleen Schoch (daughter in law of David Peebles), Ginny Pfau, Mary O'Neill (sister in law of Carolyn Legg), Joan Johnson, Lois Laxton, Christine Posecznick (Sister in law of Laura Posecznick), John Devins, Sharon Gannon, Ed & Mary Kay Cole, and Sandy Fillingham.

**Those listed on our long term prayer list:** The Evans Family (recently lost house to fire), Nancy Lee, Liz Cavender, Helen O'Neill, John Fido (brother of Kathaleen Underwood), Travis & Aubrey Hyde (son & daughter in law of Nicole), Jim Lanning, Pat Brown, Mike Fowler, Lynne Cook (friend of Marie Nickerson), Nicole Hyde, Joe Mooney, Bob Bratt (husband of Tori), Cincy (sister of Carolyn Ebner), Lori Schiek (sister-in-law if Amy), Nick Gilbertson (grand-nephew of Debra Rose Brillatti), Stephanie (daughter of Jean Beeles), Mother & Father of Michele Lytle, Brooke (Ann Scholl daughter in law), Mary Bradley, Tara Covert, 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 McEnery (friend of Helen O'Neill), Sharon Arliss, Spencer Gervasoni, Susanne Rynkiewicz, Lauren Jervis (daughter to a dear friend), Mary Beth & Pinky Grau, George (husband of Barbara Kay), Jim & Nora Brown, Donna Richards & Dan, Chris Richards, Michael Brown, Linda Hawley, 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), Helen (sister of Brian Davis), Laila (great niece of Brian Davis), Bud Evans (brother of Don Evans), 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), Linda Lavery, Ann Malvaso (sister of Marie Hughes), Marilyn Garofalo (mother of Chris Davis), Dot Pitman, Marie Bundy, Griffin Palen, Linda & Nick Rossi, Euclide Mugisho & family, Roxanne Soprano, Cathy Valentine, Linda Morse, Alberto Fry, David Bates, 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:** Dolores Jo-Ann Chappell, Hunter Michael Foley (man who died in excavator accident), Wilfred Crary (father of Roxanne Soprano), Brian Lesch, Anne McKenty

## If you would like to be added...

Prayer Lists above, please contact Nancy Graham at [nancy@stjameskan.org](mailto:nancy@stjameskan.org).

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

E-Blast database to receive updates and news, please contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)

Questions: Contact the Parish Office at 315.685.7600.





## Thank You for a Wonderful Annual Meeting!

This year's annual meeting was a great success even with the frigid temperatures. Great food. Great discussions. There are plenty of printed Annual Reports on the welcome tables or online on [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org). The address was recorded and can be found on our YouTube channel with link on our website.



Welcome to our new Vestry members David O'Neill as Junior Warden, Meg Osborne, Molly Spalding, John Spear, Diane Steckel and Amy Tuttle. Be sure to thank these individuals for answering the call to serve.

**New Pastoral Care Training Starts Last Week of February!** The pastoral needs of St. James' is immense. One priest can't handle it alone. St. James' has a team of trained volunteers who assist in pastoral care by meeting with sick or in need parishioners to listen and be a loving presence. Two years ago St. James' trained 18 people in a mini-pastoral care program, highlighting the most important components to help others. This group reaches out with care to others at St. James' and beyond. We are ready to add numbers to our pastoral team and spread more ways to care for others. If you have any interest, please contact Nancy Graham at 315-317-0138.

*Cut Here & Submit with Payment*

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## EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Do you want to remember a departed loved one? Celebrate the birth of a child or grandchild? Mark a retirement or anniversary? Express your gratitude for the people and places in your life? What better way than to donate for Easter flowers and plants to decorate St. James'. Especially after a long, cold winter, we want to fill the church with color and fragrance as we celebrate the Risen Lord. To contribute, fill out the coupon below and return it to the church office by March 29 with your check (write "for Easter flowers" in the subject line). Small or large, any donation is welcome. Donations must be received to the Parish Office by March 29, to be included in the Easter Flower Insert.

### 2026 Easter Flowers Donation Form

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving For: (Print Name(s) Clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: (Print Name(s) Clearly)

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**2026**

**St. James' Vestry  
Warden**

John Devins (2026-2027)  
David O'Neill (2026-2028)

**Vestry Members**

Beckie Hidy (2024-2027)  
Carol Murphy (2024-2027)  
Meg Osborne (2026-2029)  
Kris Perkins (2025-2028)  
Kathy Ploufe (2025-2028)  
Molly Spalding (2026-2028)  
John Spear (2026-2029)  
Diane Steckel (2026-2027)  
Amy Tuttle (2026-2029)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

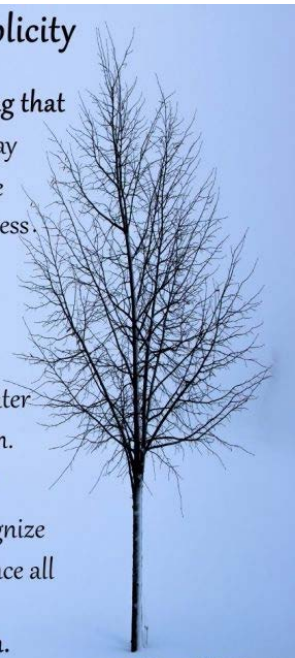
**A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity**

*Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that  
obstructs my way to you. Clear away  
the clutter of petty grudges. Remove  
smudges of resentment and bitterness.  
Cleanse me of thoughts filled with  
anger envy, or self-pity.*

*Create space in my life for more  
kindness and less spitefulness, greater  
generosity and stronger compassion.*

*Enlarge my heart with a spirit of  
gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize  
the simple gifts that lay in abundance all  
around me.*

*In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.*



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