



The Letter of Saint James'

St. James' Episcopal Church

LIVING GOD'S LOVE

The parish of St. James' ministers to all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

November 2017

FROM THE RECTOR'S OFFICE

FAITH IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

Dear Fellow Believers:

For the past month reading the news has been incredibly difficult for many of us. Hurricanes, wild fires, earth quakes, the largest mass shooting in modern US history. For people of prayer, our prayer list seems to just get longer and longer with each passing day. One never knows what is going to happen in the world that will need prayers.

It may seem that God is not listening. Even worse, it may seem as though God is either actually doing some of this as a punishment or that God has abandoned us. Neither of these is true.

God does not punish anyone in this way. The God of love would never send such catastrophes upon the world. If you look at history, there have been times quite worse than ours and yet we are still here.

While it may seem that the world is in chaos, we trust that God is with us – God may not control the weather or the actions of people, but God is still present in the lives of those who are affected either BY the disaster or by the news of the disaster. As people of faith if we can do something about “it,” whatever it is, then we must. If we cannot do anything directly to assist, then the best we can do is lift it up to God and trust that somewhere, in the midst of this chaos, God is still with us.

Yours in faith,

Joseph +



ST. JAMES' PARTICIPATING IN GOD'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

At a recent workshop for Vestry and parishioners called Red Doors Wide Open, one of the topics was St. James' involvement with and partnership with the local community. Another way to word this is how St. James' participates in God's mission in the world. The list of organizations we partner with is quite impressive:

Dorothy Day Hospitality House Soup Kitchen
Dorothy Day Hospitality House Shelter
Glen Hill Morning Prayer on Saturdays
Aids Project Greater Danbury (now called Apex)
Palace View
ARC
English as a Second Language
Amos House
Daily Bread
Caravan of Faith (ARC)
Appalachian Service Project

There are more partnerships that the Vestry is looking into. If you can initiate one, we are more than blessed to support you.



Growing 
Together
in Faith

Religious Education

Family Sunday

Much thanks to the Church School Choristers and the Youth Group for participating in October 29th's Family Sunday. Thank you for being a part of this special day.

Godly Play

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be Door Keepers for the Godly Play class sessions for Church School. Please see Kerry Santoro if you are interested in observing a class.

St. Nicholas Party

Please save the date for St. James's annual Children's St. Nicholas Party on December 3rd at 5:00 PM in Luckenbill Hall. A potluck supper will be served- please feel free to bring a dish. More details will be provided in the December newsletter.

Blessings and Peace,
Kerry Santoro



Social Media

Do you have photos of events you've attended at St. James': Blessing of the Animals, Trivia Night, A Night Under the Stars, the Corn Maze, the summer Carillon Concerts, Work Shirt Saturday, or another St. James' event? Please send them to us at SocialMedia@SaintJamesDanbury.org so that we can put them on our website's Photos page as well as share them on our social media platforms. We welcome ALL photos, regardless of where they came from: from cell phones, from tablets, and from cameras! :)

Remember to follow, like, share, and comment on our posts on our social media platforms:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesDanbury/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/StJames_Danbury

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintJamesDanburyCT>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stjamesdanbury/>

And, don't forget about the St. James' app (go to the Google Play store or iTunes to download today)! It's an easy and convenient way to stay in touch with all that's happening at St. James'!



Thanksgiving will be upon us shortly and we have been told the kitchen will be completed!

Volunteers: IF YOU PLAN ON VOLUNTEERING YOU MUST SIGN UP BY SENDING AN E-MAIL TO JIM HUGHES AT jamesRTHughes@aol.com. This way we know how to staff during the dinner. We appreciate your help, but it is very important that you call ahead of time so we can schedule you in. Volunteers must arrive by 11:45 for instructions. We need clean up volunteers as well (1:15 -3:00).

Food Contributors: A sign-up sheet is up to help gather the groceries we will need for the dinner. It is extremely important that we get people to cook the hams and turkeys as we do not have space in the kitchen to do so on Thanksgiving morning. Please continue to be as supportive as you have been in the past.



**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VETERANS
NOVEMBER 12th**

On Sunday, November 12th, St. James' will recognize and honor all the men and women who served in the Armed Forces. Please make a special effort to join us. There will be a special Coffee Hour following both Services.

The Deacons Council enthusiastically invites you to the Annual Deacon Renewal of Vows to be held in Christ Church Cathedral (Hartford) on Sunday, November 5th, at 3:00 pm. The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, first woman ordained Bishop in the Anglican Communion, is the guest preacher. This is the time for us as the deacons community to recall the examination question directed to us at the time of our ordination: "Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?" Please come and support our deacon, the Reverend Carolyn Legg.



November 4th, 2017
Join us at 6:30

Triv?ia? ?NIGHT?

Dessert only
Luckenbill Hall

Church Growth

Is
Now
Hospitality!

This was the first idea to result from our discussions during the recent workshop at St. Paul's Church in Norwalk.

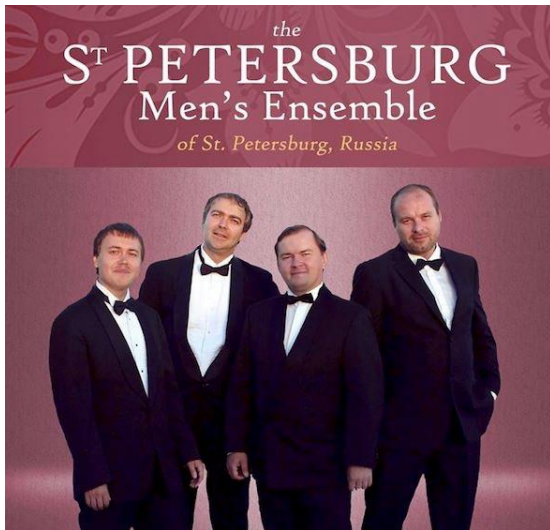
The second priority that came out of our discussions is the formation of a greeter group. With a team of ten greeters, there will now be someone to welcome you on Sunday morning, help with name tags, and work with other greeters to escort children to church school and coffee hour, among other responsibilities. This is a work in progress and may evolve in the next several months.

Hospitality
Committee



The Hospitality committee will also be updating some of the literature around the church, beginning with the Welcome brochure.

You are invited to our committee meetings, usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Luckenbill Hall. Please contact Beth at cox4000@sbcglobal.net if you are interested!



The St. Petersburg Men's Quartet Ensemble will be performing at St. James' at 3pm on Sunday afternoon, November 19th

These four singers bring extensive experience and training to the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble.

Kirill Sokolov, The Director, attended the Glinka Choir School and studied choir conducting and vocal technique at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. He has been part of a number of choirs and vocal groups, including the Academic Capella,

the Choir of Smolny Cathedral, and the Chamber Choir of the St. Petersburg Conservatory. He has toured with the Men's Choir "Soglasye," the St. Petersburg Assemblies Chamber Choir, the "Otkrovenie" Choir, and others. Since 2003, Kirill Sokolov has been the leader of the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble.

A variety of classic Russian sacred and folk music will be presented. The ensemble has traveled as musical ambassadors to the USA many times.

A free will offering will be taken to help support the ensemble and their families back in Russia. CD's of their music will be available for purchase. (Cash is suggested since they don't have a US bank account.)



**SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 2nd, 9 AM TO NOON
CHAPEL**

On Saturday, Dec. 2nd we will have a Quiet Day in the Chapel. This day will be meditations on the Incarnate Jesus using art through the centuries. More in the December newsletter.

Thanksgiving Basket

Daily Bread Food Pantry needs your help! We hope to provide over 300 Thanksgiving Baskets and we need help providing the fixings'-

We can use:

Turkeys (gift card is acceptable)
Potatoes (boxed and/or canned)
Stuffing and turkey gravy
Canned green beans and corn
Canned fruit and cranberry sauce

Extra's:

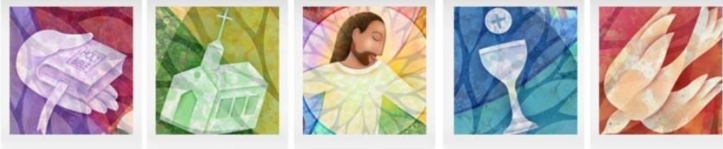
Pie crust mix and pie filler (pumpkin and others)
Cake mix and frosting
Cookies

Financial support is always welcome:

Cash
Checks (made out to Daily Bread)
Gift cards

Thanksgiving Basket distribution will be on Monday, November 20. We have to put the baskets (bags) together, please get everything to the pantry by November 14 or 15th. Contact me at 203-748-3561 or dailybreadfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance.
Jill Shaw, Pantry Coordinator
203-748-3561



Faith Formation

- Please join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm for Bible Study in Luckenbill Hall.
- On Saturday December 2nd at 9am to 12 pm, we will meet in the Chapel for Morning Prayer, quiet and reflection. Instead of a book discussion Father Joseph will lead us in meditation on the "Face of Christ". Give this special gift to yourself during the Advent Season.

Blessings and Peace,
Karen Montecalvo - Adult Faith formation



Violinist Richard Brooks will be enhancing our worship experience at the 10am Baptism Service on All Saints' Sunday, November 5th. You may remember his beautiful music from last Spring when he played during Holy Week. This time around he will be playing Bach and Vivaldi.

Chapter 2, Indigenous People

- ❖ When white people first arrived on the shores of what is now the United States, the Indigenous People found them intriguing, interesting and almost worshipped these fair skinned people.
- ❖ After several months they found these fair skinned people to be greedy and cruel. They brought diseases that killed them because they had no resistance.
- ❖ These abuses all started when Christopher Columbus claimed he had discovered America.
- ❖ The Arawaks- the Indigenous people of the West Indies were described as timid, restless, free and generous.
- ❖ Christopher Columbus awarded them with death and slavery.





The Vestry discussed the recent Red Doors Wide Open conference.

- We outlined the various and numerous Community Partnerships.
- Welcoming Committee changed its name to Hospitality Committee. There are about 10 volunteers to act as Greeters.
- All need to be aware of visitors who cannot find their way around the bulletin, Prayer Book, Hymnal 1982, and LEVAS.
- Name tags have a new box. All were encouraged to wear them.
- Bill Ostrand and Karen Montecalvo volunteered to research the possibility of printing a “whole Service” bulletin.

The Rector led a discussion with graphs about average Sunday attendance. It has gone down from over 200 to around 140 at St. James'. Graphs of other local parishes were also presented which showed the same trend. This has more to do with active parishioners attending less than they used to.

The current financial were discussed. As we have not taken anything from the endowment fund since the beginning of the year, they appear worse than they are. Beginning in October we will start withdrawal from the endowment again.

The 2018 preliminary budget was discussed.

The kitchen is coming along, floor to be installed on Oct. 20 and cabinets delivered Oct. 24th. The gas stove will be inspected by Garland, the manufacturer. Estimated completion is the end of October/beginning of November.

The Rectory Property Boundary continues to be a problem. The property has been surveyed and “staked.” Our lawyer recommends we paint an orange line on the boundary and construct a temporary fence.

The nominating Committee for the next Vestry class election is: Suzanne Carley, Bill Hutchinson, Pat Pearson, and Jehad Sabbagh as the non-vestry member. There are eligibility requirements to serve on the Vestry which include faithfulness in attendance, giving, and spreading of the Gospel.

We discussed the coffee hour hosts. Hospitality will try to instill the culture of hospitality by encouraging people to host.

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2017.

All Committee Meeting for December will be on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 10 AM.



PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER – November 2017

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone"

I Timothy 2:1

Each month in our newsletter we include part of our alphabetical listing of the members of our congregation in the Parish Cycle of Prayer. This month you are asked to hold the following members in your prayers:

- Nov 1 Barbara Greene; Russell & Judith Griemsmann; Karen Haddad
- Nov 2 Erland Hagman; Cheryl Harewood; Ernest Harrington & Lyn Meyers
- Nov 3 Linda Harrison, Mark & Kathryn Harrison & Family; Jean Hassen
- Nov 4 Dorothy Hoagg; John Hofmann; Denise Holl; Virginia Huff; Stephen Huntley
- Nov 5 William & Vicki Hutchinson; Linda Immarigeon; Delores Ireland; Lillian Heering
- Nov 6 Catherine Jaber-Kreiger; Edith Janesky; Carl & Susan Johnson; Catherine Johnson
- Nov 7 Amanda Johnson; James Johnson; Robert Johnson; Robert & Leslie Johnson
- Nov 8 Deborah Kaufmann; Denise Kaufmann; Carol Kelly; Margaret Kelly
- Nov 9 Yvonne Kiddoe; Nancy Kinkade; Robert & Linda Kovacs; Nancy Haplin
- Nov 10 Joseph Krasinski & James Hughes; Christopher Kuell & Cristine DiMeglio
- Nov 11 Nicholas Kuell; Grace Kuell; Harry & Jill Kuhn; Adam & Sherry Kyriacou & Family
- Nov 12 Kevin & Susan Lally; Sheila & Richard Landis; Roma Landry; Pat Larsen
- Nov 13 Ethel Leahey; Laura Lee & David Katz; Daniel & Marion Liberati; Kerlen & Letty Lim
- Nov 14 Walter & Louise Liston & Family; Lillian MacBain; Francis Mann & Maureen Bent
- Nov 15 Wendi McCabe; David & Ingrid McCarthy; Jane McGarry; Ashwin Robin Raj
- Nov 16 Harold & Maria McGowan; John & Loretta McLaughlin; Suzanne McLean
- Nov 17 Mark Meyer & Family; Margaret Mirabito; May Molinaro; Linda & Robert Parker
- Nov 18 Robert & Deborah Mondello & Family; Elise Montanari; Albert & Karen Montecalvo
- Nov 19 Franklin Moore & Carlos Diaz; Doris Morgan; George Mosher; Kathleen Mould
- Nov 20 Dan & Gretchen Mullin; Su Murdock; John & Virginia Murphy; Elizabeth Mussgnug
- Nov 21 Alexander Nahas; Sandra Nichols & Family; Victoria O'Connor; John O'Hern;
- Nov 22 William Ostrand & Marco Ostrand-Costa; Donald & Maryellen Owens & Family
- Nov 23 Betsy Pankulis; Andy & Nena Pankulis; Jeannie Parille; Barbara Parks
- Nov 24 Robert & Patricia Pearson; Julia Pearson; Etura Pierce; Sally Pierce
- Nov 25 Whitney Pratt-Cote; Richard & Erma Rausch; Richard Rausch & Luciana Correia &
- Nov 26 Family; Christina Ray & Amy Lionheart; Patricia Reynolds; Robert Reynolds
- Nov 27 Roderick Rigby; Edward & Kathleen Rogers; Gary Rogers; Sally Roscoe; Jill Sousa
- Nov 28 Barbara Ruiz; Howard Rusk; Jihad & Kathy Sabbagh; Anthony & Victoria Sanches &
- Nov 29 Family; Leslie Sanford; Ricky Lopez & Family; Mark & Susan Sarkisian & Family
- Nov 30 Sayers Family; Michael & Toni Scalzo & Family; Duane Schirmer & Vicky Crea-

The ministry of the people of St. James' Episcopal Church is led by the Wardens and Vestry and assisted by the Clergy and Staff.

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Clerk

Marion Liberati

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Susie Sarkisian (2020)

Karen Montecalvo (2019)

Bill Hutchinson (2018)

Suzanne Carley (2018)

Victoria Woody (2020)

Pat Pearson (2018)

Beth Cox (2020)

Robert Mondello (2019)

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