



St. James' Episcopal

25 West Street, Danbury, CT 06810



PARISH REPORT 2011

AGENDA

Opening Prayers

Minutes of the 249th Annual Meeting

Judy Toth

Rector's Comments

Associate Rector's Comments

Wardens' Comments

Reports: (Presented by title as found in Annual Report)

Rector's Report	The Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Krasinski
Associate Rector's Report	The Rev. Iris E. Peterson
Wardens	Carolyn Flynn & Dan Cox
Building & Grounds	Mark Stirling
Communications	Adam Kyriacou
Episcopal Church Women	Leslie Johnson
Faith Formation	Jim Tarrant
Global Outreach	Ryan Beaudry
Local Outreach	Jehad Sabbagh
-Dorothy Day Meals	Ruth Cote
Parish Life	Judy Griemsmann
Stewardship	Alvin Tuck
Pastoral Care	Cathy Blasco
Worship:	
-Altar Guild	Marolyn Beschle & Yvonne Kiddoe
-Acolytes	Bob Pearson/Iris E. Peterson
-Ushers	Dan Cox
-Lectors, Intercessors, & Chalice Ministers	Iris E. Peterson
-Prayer Shawl Ministry	Jean Hassen
-Music	Martha Galie
-Carillon	Christel Davis

Parish Register

Motion to decrease the size of the Vestry;

“Moved that the size of each elected vestry class be decreased from four to three members for the next three years, thus decreasing the Vestry size to 11 in 2012, 10 in 2013, and 9 in 2014.”

Election of Officers and Vestry

Standing Resolutions: 1) Filling Vestry vacancies until next Annual meeting, 2) Short term borrowing up to \$50,000 if necessary, 3) Permit Vestry to invest and reinvest funds of the Parish.

Financial Reports

Linda Spaziani

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

St. James' Episcopal Church
25 West Street
Danbury, CT 06810
February 6th, 2011
249th Annual Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Krasinski called the 249th Annual Meeting of St. James' to order at 11:50 a.m. and opened with prayer.

Parishioners were provided with a copy of the Parish Report of 2010, which contained Minutes of the 248th Annual Meeting, Committee Reports and a Financial Report.

The minutes of the 248th annual report were reviewed. Upon motion to approve and second, minutes were unanimously approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Joseph began by sharing with everyone what an exciting year 2010 was. He stated how fortunate the parish was that many people stepped in when there was a need. One example was how Leo Ludwig helped out in the office. He offered personal thanks to Ricky who did a mammoth job especially in the last few weeks keeping the church open during all the snow storms and mentioned there was a real "sacrifice involved" in reference to his snow blowing accident. Ricky spoke stating he was more than happy to do it.

New Faces:

Susanne Hull, Parish Coordinator, was hired, is a quick learner, and does a phenomenal job.

Joan Giarratano, Bookkeeper, works Wednesdays and Fridays (keeps office open on Fri.)

Martha C. Galie, Director of Music Ministry, has done a phenomenal job with the choir. "Music is great!"

He offered praise to Iris Peterson (Associate Rector) who keeps him going, is in on every decision, works more like a co-rector and Fr. Joseph is very thankful for her presence.

Changes-liturgy:

Procession Cross – 2 metals, newly polished, new vestments, altar cloths for the main worship space and chapel, a third octave of hand bells. Some of these are through the generosity of people who have passed away.

Fr. Joseph gave special thanks to those who are close to him and help him daily and weekly:

The Wardens, Dan and Carolyn, are here sometimes every day. They give immeasurable amounts of time and are a real gift. Judy Toth, Clerk, thanks for keeping the Vestry minutes...they are a really important part of our church history. Linda Spaziani, Treasurer, does an excellent job and does it with joy.

Next year, our 250th celebration, Joe Walkovich is the Chairperson of that Celebration. He may be asking parishioners for help...we're still waiting for a date when the Presiding Bishop can be present.

Fr. Joseph offered words of praise and thanks to departing Vestry members:

Jeff Chowanec, Chris Hayes, Dick Rausch, and Jane McGarry. Gifts from the congregation were presented to each of them.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR REPORT:

Mother Iris stated it is a privilege to be serving at St. James' and how it's been a learning experience for her. Thanks especially to those involved in the church school ministry, Mark Arnold, Linda Spaziani, Dan Cox, Jim Tarrant, etc. Thanks to the congregation for the call to Joseph...they work well together. She is learning from him as well.

WARDENS:

Carolyn Flynn and Dan Cox: Dan stated he is still being mentored by Carolyn and it's a great day! (Carolyn's Birthday). There are many new additions to our services, a children's sermon which everyone enjoys. We have many new personnel, all of which are a gift. The many church committee reports tell all the activities in this place, picnics, ethnic dinners, Contemporary Service, etc. More details of the Wardens' Report are attached in the 2010 Annual Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parish Life – a really busy committee, a wonderful picnic, Easter Vigil. Thanks to Jane for coordinating food for so many events.

Communications: The Newsletter went electronic and a weekly e-mail update was added. Thanks so much to Adam, who also revamped the computer system at the church, ...and so much more.

Faith Formation: has had its ups and downs but has a few dedicated people, new contemporary service and evening sessions for the pre-confirmation service. Thanks especially to Jim, Linda, Mark, and Iris for their hard work.

Building & Grounds: Thanks to Mark Stirling. It was a busy year, with many projects being taken care of, an all-new lighting system, working with volunteers to paint, clean, and fix many parts of this church.

Global Outreach: Thanks for the amazing Outreach Dinner. Mission Project, St. Stephen's School in Mozambique. Brett Garamella and the Haitian ministry.

Stewardship: Thanks Alvin for all your hard work and to those members of your committee.

Worship: Thanks to the many groups who are part of this committee. Yvonne Kiddoe, Bob Pearson, Lew Westfall. Your work is much appreciated. We also appreciate and thank Martha for how the music is flourishing under her direction, also we appreciate the contributions of Jean Hassen, Deidra Woodend, and Crystal Davis. To Mark Arnold, thanks for sharing your passion, the Contemporary Service, with us.

Pastoral Care: Thanks to Cathy for this wonderful committee, Meals on Wings, Senior Ministry, LEM, Stephen Ministry, Healing Ministry, Glen Hill Ministry, Flower Arranging and Delivery.

Welcoming: Thanks to Fran and Dick for all you do.

Thanks to Joe Walkovich for agreeing to chair the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Local Outreach: Thank you to this committee and its members and the many services they provide, Dorothy Day (Ruth Cote, Mo. Iris and their direction of the cooking), Amos House, Overflow Shelter, Daily Bread, Thanksgiving Meal (Linda Spaziani for heading up the Dinner). ARC, etc.

Fr. Joseph said to please read the many committee reports that are part of this place and are enclosed in the Annual Report for 2010. Many more details are mentioned there about the above ministries.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Linda Spaziani, Treasurer asked for a motion to borrow \$25,000 from the endowment in an emergency. A motion was made and seconded to approve the above request.

Treasurer, Linda Spaziani reported: Highlights –
\$429,250 Budget

In 2009 there was a \$5,000 surplus, vestry voted to send it to diocese. Budget showed \$40,000 deficit, amounted to \$20,000 deficit, mostly staff driven because of newly hired Staff that arrived later in the year.

Page entitled “St. James’ Annual Report 2010 – Cash Position” shows how Appropriated Funds were used to fund \$43,000 deficit. It also helped financially that no Christian Ed. Person was hired and Iris has been doing the job. Endowment – It’s a permanent endowment. We only use income from it. We take \$100,000 a yr. Book Value of Endowment is \$1,594,834, Market Value \$1,867,364. Investments have rebounded...hopefully that will continue. Question about Endowment: Is it always 5%? Answer: Usually.....this yr. it was 5.2%

Linda highlighted Pledge Comparison. (sheet in the report)

2011	153 pledges	\$275,255
2010	160 pledges	\$295,083
2009	172 pledges	\$284,155
2008	200 pledges	\$335,166
2007	221 pledges	\$356,616

We have lost 68 pledges, but this year we gained 13 pledges.

She stated that stewardship is the responsibility of all of us....think of the small things you can do to help out...\$2.00 a week more from you would cut the deficit in half! We all need to think outside of our comfort zone to help the parish.

More questions followed and were answered. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report with thanks. (more details found in the white pages attached to the 2010 Annual Report)

ELECTION OF NEW VESTRY AND OFFICERS:

Fr. Joseph stated that all officers serve one year terms and must be elected yearly. The Officers are Carolyn Flynn, Dan Cox, wardens, Linda Spaziani, Treasurer, and Judy Toth, Clerk. Fr. Joseph asked if there were any other nominations. A motion was made to close the nominations and the clerk was asked to cast one vote for election of the above officers.

Fr. Joseph welcomed the new vestry members: Vicky Crea to serve 2 years of a vestry position from which another member resigned, Janet Brown, Jihad Sabbagh, Yvonne Kiddo, and Judy Griemsmann to the new class of 2011, a motion was made to accept the slate and the clerk was asked to cast one vote for election of above vestry members. Fr. Joseph stated he will meet with the new vestry members for orientation.

Fr. Joseph asked that the Vestry be authorized to fill positions on the Vestry when people resign instead of waiting for the next Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to pass the above authorization.

Some questions followed:

After the full membership canvas, were our lists updated? Answer: The lists were updated. We hoped to find people who only come sporadically (Easter and Christmas), connect with them and see if we can encourage them to attend church. Many people don’t come but consider themselves St. James’ members.

What about another Directory? Answer: Perhaps for our 250th anniversary.

What about attendance? Answer: Flat, not growing or going down.

Mark Stirling thanked everyone for their overwhelming support when the Building and Grounds Committee requested help with work that needed to be done around our church.

What about name tags? Answer: They’re on the way.

The Communications Committee was thanked for getting the word out electronically. Many people stated they appreciated the weekly e-mail update with schedules for meetings, altar servers, intercessors, and lectors.

Fr. Joseph stated that Adam Kyriacou was responsible for all this and also he overhauled the church computer system for very little money (and lots of work). Fr. Joseph would like to see more parishioners give up the hard copy of the newsletter where possible. (270 people are still getting a hard copy, and 160 are now getting it electronically.)

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Closing Prayer was led by Carolyn Flynn.

Respectfully Submitted by

Judy Toth, Clerk

RECTOR'S REPORT

Like all parishes, 2011 was filled with joys and sorrows. Chief among the losses was the passing to eternal life of our Warden Emeritus, Mike Baldasare. Mike came to our Church through his wife Anita, although as a teenager he did play basketball in Luckenbill Hall when it was a gym. Mike was ever-faithful, serving as a Vestryman and then Warden for many years. Mike had a great love for this Parish and there are many examples of how he shared that love that will remain forever, "both known and unknown." An abiding example, at least for me, is the beautiful cross that is attached to the balcony wall. If you sit in the congregation, you only get to see it if you turn around. The clergy and choir get to look at it all through the Service. As Mike made that cross in honor of his Lord and ours, he is now with the Lord. While he certainly will be missed by those of us who "feebly struggle" we praise God and rejoice that he may "in glory shine."

There were other losses throughout the year that were dearly felt by our congregation. It seems that many of our parishioners felt the bite of living in the State of Connecticut and chose to move to other places. They are sorely missed and their absence is a loss to us as a community.

While we bid farewell to some parishioners, one in particular was a cause of much joy – the ordination of Gary Taylor to the sacred order of Deacons in June (and priest in Jan. of 2012). Gary, Karen, and the children were gifts to St. James' during their time here. Both are people with many gifts, especially their love of the Lord, which they so freely shared. We can be proud that it was during his time here that Gary heard the call of God to ordination. We were overjoyed that Gary could be deacon at his first Eucharist here at St. James' and have a celebration for his family and friends in our Hall following. Gary is now Chaplain at St. Anne's School in Middletown, DE. I was honored to be one of his presenters for ordination to the priesthood. Sending him and his family out into the wider Church is bitter sweet as it means that we lose them here at St. James'. Such is the cycle of ordination for all parishes that assist people to hear God's call to them.

We are so very fortunate to have a ministry team here at St. James' that keeps the place running on a day to day basis.

- First and foremost is our Associate Rector, Mo. Iris Peterson. With her calm sense of God's presence, she keeps us at one and the same time grounded to the here and now AND looking up to God's hope for this Church. She is the contrast to my style of leadership and spirituality that is so helpful in a congregation.
- Martha Galie, our Minister of Music Ministry has definitely raised us up in terms of music at St. James'. She has that wonderful ability to inspire people to go that extra mile and achieve their own

greatness. While she tends to be self-deprecating about her ability as an organist, her preludes and postludes never fail to move us.

- The office runs so smoothly thanks to our two angels – Sue Hull and Joan Giarratano. Somehow, in a limited time with constant interruptions, they “get the job done.” To work in a parish office requires a certain pastoral touch of compassion and kindness, both of which these women possess.
- Somehow, with limited hours, Jose Lopez Sanz (better known as Ricky) our Sexton, keeps the place clean, the doors open, the building alarmed and unalarmed, acts as security, emergency personnel, muscle man AND coffee maker on Sunday mornings. Last winter was particularly challenging to Ricky with all the snow falls but he was able to rise to the challenge and keep the place safe and clear. Few people realize that Ricky very rarely takes a real 24 hour period off. Despite my objections, people continue to “just call Ricky” whenever they want or need something. We are fortunate to have him.
- Finally, there are the unpaid leaders in our parish who work with me side by side – the Wardens Carolyn and Dan. They take their responsibilities very seriously, attend committee meetings, give advice, and help me keep my sanity (though we all know I’m barely on the precipice of it!). They truly are a part of the ministry team here at St. James’ and are invaluable to me as the Rector.

Like so many Churches and denominations (even the Mormon Church!), St. James’ is suffering from a decrease in attendance and membership. We will continue to address this problem in 2012 with the hope of “turning the tide”. With a decrease in membership has come a decrease in income. This, too, we must address in 2012. God alone knows what the future holds for us – so we must leave it in God’s hands while at the same time endeavor to discern God’s will for us. We pray that 2012, our 250th Anniversary year, will be filled with inspiration.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR’S REPORT

In Roman mythology, Janus is the god of beginnings and transitions, of gates, doors, and doorways, of endings and beginnings and time. He is usually a two-faced god since he looks to the future and the past. It is from Janus that we derive the name January, the first month of the Julian and Gregorian calendars. January is a good time to look back and assess the past year and plan for the future.

Looking back: Throughout this report you will have an opportunity to look back at the many ministries of St. James’ Episcopal Church and see all the things we have done. It has been a privilege to be part of many of these. I’ll leave it to the committee chairs and liaisons to give you their reports.

Advent 1 2011 was a milestone for me. It was the anniversary of my first Sunday at St. James’. In 2011, I marked the day singing the Great Litany, one of my joys in liturgy. The party for my anniversary came a week later when the youth and friends prepared the St. Nicholas Celebration for the families and friends of our church school. A great time was had by all.

There are many highlights and milestones of the past year, some that come readily to mind and others that come quietly. I am grateful and thankful for them all. So perhaps just a few. Thank you to the children and youth of St. James’ for the joy and challenges they have given me. Somehow in the midst of craziness they are able to give me nuggets for reflection and smiles. They shine with God’s love and I am grateful for their light. My thanks to the adults that minister to them in the nursery care, church school, Godly Play, acolyte ministry and the youth program, and everyone who helps form them in the image of God.

My thanks to Yvonne Kiddoe and the Altar Guild for all they do each week to prepare our worship spaces. I am thankful for their willingness to go along with my little worship experiments. The Altar Guild is a place of fellowship and peace.

Worship would not be what it is without the dedication of the Buildings and Grounds crew who step in to maintain this beautiful worship space. Thanks to everyone who works to keep the physical plant in working order.

Liturgy is the work of the people and it is the work: time and talent of Martha Galie and the musicians, choirs that make Sundays wonderful. The quality of the music lifts up the congregations but also the lectors, intercessors, ushers, and the preachers. Thanks for the inspiration.

I am fed by all the ministries of St. James' and probably should tell you all. ECW's Bear Project, reminds me to look outward. The Dorothy Day crew nourishes my soul. Thanks, to Ruth Cote, Lisa Keller and Barbara Spahn for leading the crew. God's love shines brightly through the faithful women and men that staff the Dorothy Day ministry.

There are many other areas of ministry to be thankful for at St. James' Episcopal Church. As you read the reports, say a prayer of thanksgiving for each one. Remember in your prayers especially the Vestry of St. James' Episcopal Church ably lead by Carolyn Flynn and Dan Cox. Give thanks for their leadership and the work that goes into the hard decisions of keeping the parish alive.

Let's not forget the ministries of the staff of St. James' Episcopal Church. Jose "Ricky" Sanz keeps this place humming. Give thanks for the way he ministers to us, from keeping things clean, to keeping boilers running, snow removed, listening to our needs, to lifting his voice in praise. Thanks, Ricky for all that you do.

My thanks for Susanne Hull, our Parish Coordinator. Susanne is blessed with the gift of patience and presence. Susanne does so much behind the scenes to aid us in worship, faith formation, outreach, pastoral care, parish life, buildings and grounds and clergy wellness. Thank you.

Thank you to Joan Giarratano, as she keeps our books, reminds me of budget constraints and tells great stories.

Finally, thank you Father Joseph for sharing ministry with me. I am grateful for lessons learned from your years of ministry, your preaching and support. I am learning from you to be a good 'clergyman'. Thank you for all you do to keep St. James' Episcopal Church as a center of worship, inspiration and ministry to the congregation and greater Danbury.

Janus looks backward and forward. Now forward in ministry. This year St. James' celebrates 250 years of ministry and looks to the future. I pray that St. James' will continue to be a beacon of God's love in the community. As for me, I'll try to wait patiently on the Lord to guide me in the next steps in ministry, knowing that the light of St. James' will be part of the flame I carry out into the world.

May God continue to bless the space between us.

Yours in Christ,

(The Rev'd) Iris E. Peterson

WARDENS

Another year has passed and St. James' is now 250 years old. We wonder what those years were like. What joys and struggles they must have had, but together they endured and we are still here today. Thanks be to God.

We have long been known for our outreach, and 2011 was no exception. Every month we prepared and served a meal at Dorothy Day and we served another delicious Thanksgiving Day meal. We reached out to our brothers and sisters in Joplin, Missouri after the devastating tornados. We are exploring a ministry to Haiti and also prison ministry. The people of St James' are extremely generous.

There was time for fellowship too. The ethnic dinner is a fundraiser for Global Outreach, but a time of fellowship as well. There was so much delicious and diverse food there was hardly room for it all. The picnic was another time of fun and fellowship. The chili cook-off is coming soon. Who will be the next winner of the "golden maraca"?

The Buildings and Grounds people have worked extremely hard this past year with the usual roof repairs and heating problems, but also with hurricane damage and replacing an expensive valve in our fire suppression system. There were also the usual and mundane issues like plumbing and painting and raking and gardening.

Our Church School and pre Confirmation classes have been meeting. We would like to thank all who are involved with this important ministry. Some youth went down south on the Appalachian Service Project and helped repair homes.

On the tenth anniversary of September 11th there was a very special and moving service. Thank you Martha, the choirs, and the bell ringers.

In October, we welcomed Deacon Linda into St. James' and we look forward to Linda working with all of us to build and enhance our ministry.

We also had a very important all parish meeting in October. It was necessary to inform every one of our financial difficulties. We don't want to constantly talk about money, but it was something that needed to be said.

The Vestry went on a retreat this past year and developed a strategic plan to help focus on growth for the future. The Vision for St. James' is to be a welcoming parish, holistic in nature, diverse in opinion, engaged in active dialogue, as we go about fostering spiritual fulfillment through our service to God, others, and ourselves. The components of our vision include the following:

- Develop an Outreach Program that Reflects the Needs of Danbury

- Help People Become More Comfortable Inviting, Welcoming, and Including People to and at St. James'

- Create a Process for Small Group Interaction (i.e. Bible Study, Book Study, Arts) for Spiritual and Social Growth

- Identify Roles & Responsibilities of Committees, Enhance and Rejuvenate the Committee Goals @ St. James' to Encourage New Growth & Involvement with a Focus on Our Mission

We would like to thank the Vestry and committees for all their hard work and dedication. A big thank you to Fr. Joseph and Mo. Iris for their spirituality and guidance though out the year.

Thanks to all of you who are here and care so much about St. James' Church. May your dedication and love carry us through many years to come.

Dan and Carolyn

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Members: Craig Anderson, Allan Brown, Roger Cote, Dan Cox, Carolyn Flynn
Rev. Iris Peterson, Dick Becker, Richard Rausch, Dom Spaziani, Mark Stirling

Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month in Coburn Lounge at 7:00pm.

Mission Statement: To honor the trust that God and the congregation have placed with us
By maintaining the buildings in good repair and by keeping the grounds aesthetically pleasing. We hope to provide our parish with a safe and beautiful place to worship in our downtown community with lovely gardens where they might rest and contemplate the the nearness of God.

As in the past, we've spent a lot of time cleaning carpets, cleaning the interior and exterior of the church, maintaining the gardens, painting in and out, and cleaning the gutters. Lots of this was done during our **WSS** (Work Shirt Saturdays) where lots of parishioners come together to help us accomplish our mission.

Some of this year's big projects included painting some of the main church where water stains existed, repairing and painting the damaged plaster in the stairway, Otto was in a few times for heating situations, cleaned the boiler room, tower louvers were painted, broken slate tiles were replaced, dry water valve was installed and tested, repaired drainage pipes, many of the floors were cleaned and sealer was applied, and the broken kneelers are broken no more.

Many items remain on our agenda. For instance the large stained glass window in the chapel needs to be fixed; the chapel ceiling needs to be repaired; and the wall leading up to the Youth Room needs attention again. These repairs that I just mentioned are all covered by an insurance check that we received from our insurance claims.

Allan Brown, my go-to-guy, worked again with some of our youth on the vegetable garden. He even picked some broccoli in December for our Daily Bread guests.

As I have said in the past, most of what my committee does you never hear about. Someone is always doing something at church which benefits us all. It is with great thanks and a touch of pride that I write this report. It is indeed a pleasure to work with such wonderful and dedicated committee members and parishioners.

God bless you all for making our motto come true - "Many hands make light work."

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Ministry at Saint James' is responsible for helping to spread the good news and important happenings that occur within our parish, both to members and the surrounding community.

We have made great progress with electronic communications, with a constantly improving website and the ability to send out newsletters, weekly updates, and other information electronically. We will be continuing to maintain and improve these useful technologies, while we try to shift our focus to more traditional forms of communications, such as newspaper, radio, and television.

Another task that was taken on by the Communications group was an upgrade to the office computer systems. We now offer support and assistance for the office computer systems, email, and other electronic services.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW of Saint James' meets on the third Saturday of the month. Our mission of Fleece Bears and Blankets to be given to local nursing homes, Healing Hearts Grief Counseling, Ann's Place, The Salvation Army, The YMCA, Danbury Hospital Critical Care Tranquility Program, and Danbury Hospital Pediatrics have been very appreciated. We also donated 12 bears to the Appalachian area that the St. James' teen group visited.

The ladies also serve as hostesses for receptions for church affairs and funerals.

On Mother's Day, we hold a bake sale during the Men's Mother's Day Breakfast which has been very successful each year.

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation ministry is a small yet committed community. Led by Linda Harrison as chair, the ministry included over this past year Elaine Sleath, Pauline Becker, Denise Holl, Mother iris, Kevin Morgan, Dan Cox, Father Joseph and Jim Tarrant. We started the year meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month, July the exception, and in November changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30PM in the Library. This ministry is open to anyone looking to continue their baptismal covenant to be responsible for seeing that the children will be brought up in the Christian faith and life and or to renew and strengthen their life and commitment to Christ.

The nursery, led by Kathy Mould, is located near Luckenbill Hall and is for children 12-months to 4-years of age. Thank you for all whom volunteered this past year, Jo Hayes and Sandra Lombardo, both who have moved away and started another chapter in their lives. We also have been blessed with Christel Davis, Pauline Becker, Amy Anderson, Shea Beschle to name some.

We have two church school classes. The Primary class is for those in kindergarten thru the second grade. The Intermediate class is for grades 3-5. Both followed a series of *Living the Good News* for the last sessions of the 2010-2011 year. The lessons followed the reading for that week in church and were done in a format that was age appropriate. The new Church Program year started in September and followed *Weaving God's Promises*. Year one: *Weaving Our Faith*. This program is faith based with lessons for the children followed by a faith related activity/craft. Volunteer teachers for this program have been: Vicky Crea, Joanne Siergiej, Donna Smith, Laura Consiglio, Jim Hughes, Sue Tarrant and Jim Tarrant. We still need more volunteers for six week sessions. The pre confirmation class to end the 2010-11 year was led by Mark Arnold and Mother Iris. This is a mandatory class for those young adults who wish to be baptized in the Episcopal Church. This is for boys and girls in grades 6-9. The 6:30-8PM slot was changed to 1-2:30 in the fall and is led by Mother Iris. Volunteers are needed in this area also.

Adult Faith Formation was held Sunday evenings 6:30-8PM during the pre-confirmation class. Many topics were held and the remaining series, *Speaking the Lost Languages of God*, was the most attended series. This was led by Elaine Sleath and Denise Holl. The new program year will have sessions periodically throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Tarrant

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Making a positive impact in our global community

2011 was an exciting year of growth and development for St. James' Global Outreach committee. By focusing on a commitment to both fellowship and outreach, the committee hosted the annual ethnic celebration to celebrate cultures from across the globe and sponsored the annual cookie walk to experience baking treats from our congregations. As in prior years, these events were well-received helping us raise over \$2,600 to support outreach efforts. These contributions enabled us to continue support for St. Stephen's School in Maputo, Mozambique and take on an additional mission to support educational needs of children in Haiti.

Much of the vision and commitment to global outreach in 2011 and in prior years can be attributed to the leadership and direction of Gillian Grozier. After a successful term as Global Outreach Chair, Gillian transitioned leadership responsibilities to Ryan Beaudry. With this transition, the committee discerned the future of global outreach and voted to advance our mission of furthering the Millennium Development Goals through focused outreach efforts to specific development projects worldwide, working in partnership with local leadership from various cultures to create mutually beneficial, spiritually sustaining growth relationships.

Building sustainable relationships is essential for making an impact in our global community. Therefore, we continued our commitment to St. Stephen's School in Mozambique by funding \$2,154 for school supplies for the entire year. With contributions from St. James', other parishes, and government grants, St. Stephen's School has expanded in size to over 700 students. The curriculum is designed to support self-sustainability by offering courses in nutrition/cooking, embroidery, agriculture, and tapestry making. As in previous years, our cash contributions were faithfully conveyed to Maputo by our mission partner, Roher LeCompte from St. John's in Essex.

The earthquake in Haiti sparked a desire to help and a calling to explore how we, as a congregation can support communities rattled by economic and natural disaster. After learning that Haiti is the largest Episcopal Diocese and that we have a Haitian mission within our own Diocese, we established a connection with Rev. Judith Alexis, Priest-in-Charge at L'Eglise de l'Ephiphanie to discern various paths to support these communities. In October, Rev. Alexis preached at St. James' and joined us for information sessions following the 8am and 10am services to discuss potential outreach. Based on input received, we committed to supporting educational needs of children within the Gros-Morne area for 2012. Part of this commitment will be to join Rev. Alexis for a mission trip in Haiti.

Our financial summary for 2011:

Distributions to our outreach partners: \$2,154.00

Account Balance: \$2,395.77

New members are invited to join us for meetings held on **3rd Thursday of each month** at 7:30pm – All are welcome!

For more information, please email us: globaloutreach@saintjamesdanbury.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Beaudry

LOCAL OUTREACH

The Local Outreach Committee at St. James' has a long history of helping our friends and neighbors in the community. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month except for July. The meeting takes place in the Coburn Lounge and starts at 6 PM.

We start our meeting with the following prayer:

Grant me, O Lord, a smile on my face to share and a gentle touch. Grant also to those you have blessed me to serve this day, the chance to be fed, a place of warmth and a moment of safety. As all goodness comes from you alone, O Lord, may I serve you as I serve those in need. Amen

Local Outreach acts as a conduit between the church and the local community. We seek to become aware of the needs of others, to lift those needs up to the parish and help identify resources to assist in meeting those needs. Whether it is continued support we provide, such as Amos House in response to an emergency such as the New street fire in 2010. We are there to help in any way that we can.

If you would like to assist in coordinating the monthly mission please contact Jihad Sabbagh.

Jihad Sabbagh is Vestry liaison and can be reached at (203) 470-2812, by email: j.sabbagh@snet.net

Below you can read about some of the missions that go on during the year.

Dorothy Day Overnight Shelter

St. James' volunteers one night per month at the shelter. There needs to be at least one man to stay overnight and the start time is 9 PM. The volunteers' responsibilities are to wash and dry guest's clothes, bedding and make coffee in the morning. Wake up time is 5:30 am, although volunteers have the option of allowing guests to sleep later if their schedule permits. If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Elaine Sleath, (203) 740-8304, the St. James' overnight coordinator.

Dorothy Day Meals

It's been a year of highs and lows for our Dorothy Day meal ministry. We had new "hands and feet" join us and some have left us. We had new beginnings for some of our volunteers and some life changing experiences for others. Through it all we have laughed together, cried together and embraced this amazing fellowship and have produced some amazing budget friendly meals. We were blessed with having a couple of our meal costs donated as well as monetary gifts, in memory. We are truly grateful to all who have supported this ministry. With the help of "many hands" we were able to peel, chop, sauté, boil, brown or whatever else was needed to prepare the meal to be served on our third Friday of each month.

Many "hands and feet" helped setting up the Dorothy Day dining room, making bag lunches to be handed out, getting the meal into the ovens to be ready for when the guests came through the door, thinking on our feet when we discover one of the ovens isn't working or when we are surprised by the amount of donations that came in and of course serving everyone who enters the Dorothy Day Hospitality House.

Here is a recap of our year...

We served 928 meals, 439 2nds, 698 bag lunches and made 300 Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches. We are down 293 meals or 30% and 247 bag lunches or 25% from 2010 but our food costs are up 25% over previous years. The numbers are down and the costs are up but we were still able to be within budget, in part, due to the monetary donations we received throughout the year.

Some of the meals we served were, 4 Cheese Pasta and Vegetable Casserole, Chicken and Rice, Meatball Grinders, Kielbasa Noodle Casserole, to name a few and of course our salads.

We serve our meal on the third Friday of each month. We prepare the meal on the Thursday before in Luckenbill Hall kitchen.

We are in our 8th year in this ministry and none of this would be possible without the leadership of Mother Iris and the co-coordinator help of Lisa Keller, Kevin Morgan, and Barbara Spahn. Please consider joining us either on a Thursday or Friday. Help is always needed and welcomed. Come and be a part of this fun fellowship incredible ministry.

Respectfully,

Ruth Cote

Daily Bread

The Daily Bread Food Pantry is located next to Luckenbill Hall at the end of the driveway. It has been supplying needed food staples for over 25 years. Food is distributed every Monday and Friday at 10 am. St. James' parishioners give generously to stock the pantry as well as other community minded groups. The pantry has a part time coordinator that is paid a stipend and she can be reached through the church office.

Daily Bread with the help of parish contributors and others gives out over 300 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, enough ingredients to make a holiday meal.

Amos House

Amos House was founded in 1986 to serve homeless families of Greater Danbury. Credited as the vision of former St. James' Rector, Michael Coburn, Amos House continues to offer hope to single mothers looking for shelter and a program that leads to independence and self-sufficiency. Our Local Outreach committee provides spiritual and financial support to Amos House.

To learn more please contact Joe Walkovich, Amos House board member and St. James' parishioner.

Thanksgiving Meal

By far the biggest undertaking is the Thanksgiving Dinner made and served by St. James' volunteers and others that have heard about the offering through word of mouth. Always a big hit in the community, dinner is served to about 125 to 150 people. Sometimes people dine with us so that they do not have to eat by themselves on this holiday.

Most of the meal is made from contributions from parishioners and donations from people outside of the church that have heard about the wonderful offering that St. James' makes every year.

The driving force behind this mission is the Spaziani family; Linda, Dom and Anthony. Please consider helping in 2012 in any way that you can by contacting Linda Spaziani.

Association for Religious Communities (ARC)

The mission of ARC is to "alleviate the causes of violence, suffering and hate while advancing peace, justice and human dignity". St. James' has a historical partnership with ARC. We sponsor a table at the Annual Breakfast which is usually held in October. Fr. Joseph Krasinski sits on the board of directors.

Local Outreach sponsors the Christmas Angel Tree (*see Kevin or Pat Morgan*), where several organizations are selected to receive a gifts for their clients. The Angel Tree ornaments are posted in the library; make your selection and return it to the church office.

Financial Contributions made to:

Hord Foundation, St. James' Discretionary Fund, ARC, Church World Services, Wooster School, Episcopal Relief Fund, Bishops Fund for Children, Diocese of Connecticut, United Thank Offering, Amos House, Daily Bread.

PARISH LIFE

Mission Statement: St. James' Parish Life Ministry seeks to provide adventurous fellowship and the opportunity to be part of a family of faith. Together we learn and grow, through laughter and conversation, and work for the greater service of our Lord.

Committee Members: Amy Anderson, Ruth Cote, Dan Cox, Vera Fakhouri, Judy Griemsmann (Chairperson/Vestry Liaison), Russ Griemsmann, Linda Harrison, Lisa Keller, Wally Liston, Jane McGarry, Kevin Morgan, Ellie Scott, Joanne Siergiej, Linda Spaziani.

Over the past year, Parish Life tried to be inclusive in its planning by sponsoring events that appealed to a broad range of ages and interests. Our committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, in the Lounge. We welcome new members anytime, whether they want to join the committee and attend meetings or just volunteer to help with one or two specific events. We especially appreciate ideas/questions for committee consideration.

2011 began with a change of leadership. Jane McGarry relinquished her role as chair to Judy Griemsmann who became a member of the Vestry in January. Parish Life was fortunate to have enjoyed the benefits of Jane's thoughtful, energetic guidance.

Parish Life began the year by helping to host the Bishop's Reception and Annual Meeting Coffee Hour at the end of January.

The Chili Cook-off was postponed from January to February this year. Those attending voted for their favorite with donations of cans of food for Daily Bread. Everyone who came enjoyed some great food and fellowship. This has become a tradition at St. James'. Lower participation this year was attributed to its being held on the weekend of February 12-14. It will be moved up to January again in 2012.

Parish Life hosted a Game Night in early April. Those who attended agreed it should be held again, but earlier, perhaps in March next year, to encourage greater participation. Increased publicity and the inclusion of a team competition were also planned.

Parish Life has traditionally provided punch and finger food after the Easter Vigil Service. This was not done this year because of very small attendance in the previous year.

Parish Life hosted a Spring Coffee Hour on May 15th.

Parish Life helped in hosting a Coffee Hour on June 12th to honor Gary Taylor's ordination into the diaconate the previous day.

The last Sunday in June was the occasion of the annual Parish Picnic held again at Bennett Park in Bethel. Many helped to make this event meaningful and enjoyable. Worship Ministry and Altar Guild again helped to coordinate the 11:00 am service. Many others assured that parking, food and games were available and enjoyed by all.

Parish Life announced several cultural events where parishioners could gather for local theatre and music. Those who saw “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat” in Brookfield said it was a great show. There were no reports that anyone was able to go to the City Center Concert on July 30th. Musicals at Richter’s performance of “Oliver” was rained out on August 6th. Parish Life plans to include and expand on offering these kinds of activities next summer.

Parish Life was very active in September. The committee reviewed and updated its brochure in preparation for participation in Celebration Sunday. A hike was led at Tarrywile Park on September 24th. Parish Life hosted an Ice Cream Social on September 25th to honor the start of the Church School Year.

October began with the annual Blessing of the Animals near the statue of St. Francis in the garden. DAWS benefited from donations made that day and St. James’ received a terrific photo story about the event in the News-Times.

An energetic group of hikers climbed to the top of Richter Mountain on October 15th. All agreed who came along agreed there should be more adventures like this. A Treasure Hunt was held on October 22nd. “Treasures” were retrieved within a short distance of St. James’ and brought back to St. James’ where searchers shared their stories, along with coffee and dessert. This event will be held again in the spring when daylight lasts longer. November Movie Night was a huge success. Parishioners shared an informal meal in Luckenbill before gathering upstairs in the Youth Room to view “Soul Searcher.” Based on feedback, Parish Life is planning Movie Night three times a year. Parish Life sponsored the annual Advent Wreath-making in Luckenbill Hall on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Parish Life will close this year by helping to welcome visitors to St. James’ during the First Night performances on December 31st from 4:00-8:00 pm.

Our committee thanks all who have helped in our efforts to expand fellowship and faith at St. James’. We look forward to including many more parishioners and new ideas in our activities in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Griemsmann

STEWARDSHIP

Mission Statement: We are part of God’s universe and all that we have comes from God. God calls each of us to love, protect, and nurture this world and its people. We are stewards of God’s creation. Stewardship is the way we use what we’ve been given from God to carry out our mission.

We have all heard the phrase “Time Talent and Treasure” relating to Stewardship. Basically, that is what Stewardship is, using the gifts that God has given us to do his work in the world by acting upon the wonderful things we have learned through Jesus Christ. That is the sum of what St. James’ Church does, to be the hands, eyes and arms of the Lord to work his wonders to our own parish members and out into our community and the world through the efforts of our clergy and all our members. No matter what committee or ministry we are involved in, that is what we are doing, using the specific gifts and talents our Lord has given each of us to that end, or Stewardship. And the strength of these efforts put out by an organized church through the various committees and ministries multiplies the efforts we could do as individuals a thousand fold.

In giving of our treasure to support these wonderful efforts we strive to give in proportion to what we receive. The Biblical tithe, 10% of our income, has been and will remain our tradition and desired goal.

Members: Rev. Joseph Krasinski, Joe Walkovich, Janet Brown, Linda Spaziani, Carolyn Flynn, Dan Cox and Alvin Tuck.

Meeting time: 1st Thursday of the month 6:00 in the library.

This past year, after much deliberation, which included meetings with Maryanne Doyle, a stewardship consultant, we decided not to do an Every Member Canvass asking for pledges. We did do our “Friends of St. James’ Drive” where we called and visited all members we don’t see that often to tell them about the wonderful things St. James’ is doing, upcoming activities and the various committees available to join. We also did our \$2 per week campaign, asking folks to give \$2 extra instead of some unnecessary indulgence elsewhere. Stewardship articles were published throughout the year on line with our St. James’ newsletter. In September we did our “Ministry of the Month Article” for the newsletter. This past fall on October 16th we had our whole congregation parish meeting to explain to folks our financial needs and ask for pledging. We followed up with a letter and pledge card asking for all to pledge \$10 more per week and on November 6th, All Saints Day, we had a pledge card turn in day at the Sunday Services. Then we followed up by personally calling all folks who had pledged before but hadn’t turned in pledge cards yet, and those who had contributed in the past without pledging. Then we sent out a letter to all past members who still have a connection with St. James’ telling them about our 250th anniversary and welcoming them to contribute memories and money. Finally, a letter was sent out from the Vestry early in January explaining our financial issues to keep our Assistant Rector and asking folks to pledge who hadn’t, and asking those who did pledge to consider raising their pledges.

The Stewardship committee is totally dedicated to supporting the work of our wonderful members of this parish of St. James’, and we share their love being given out to the world by gathering the support to help them fulfill their efforts. On behalf of all the Stewardship committee members, thank you to all that you do and all who have pledged to support our efforts.

Yours in Christ;

Alvin Tuck
Stewardship committee member

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care at St. James’ Parish is a remarkable ministry that is made up of multiple ministries. These ministries and the people involved in them are able to give to the parishioners, the love and caring they may need at different times of their lives. The caregivers of Pastoral Care work through Christ and express their love for Him, by giving of themselves, their time and their gifts to others.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers or LEMs of St. James’ bring communion to our homebound parishioners by visiting them at least once a month. They go on a rotating schedule so that they are able to see several different members during the year. They not only bring the Body of Christ, but also bring the community of St. James’ to the parishioners, by sharing stories and prayers with them. Our LEMs include: Judy Toth, Bob Flynn, Korb Eynon, Linda Harrison, Karen Beaudry, Janet Brown, Cathy Blasco, Alvin Tuck, Mark Stirling, and Jack and Ginny Murphy.

Meal on Wings

When a parishioner or family member has been hospitalized or is ill at home and is not up to preparing meals, St. James’ Meals on Wings helps out. Or maybe they have just had a baby or had a family member pass away. These meals are made and delivered by a group of caring and committed parishioners. Shirley Ferrarone coordinates the meals and is always looking for new volunteers to contribute a home cooked meal.

Glen Hill Nursing Home Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is offered every Saturday morning at Glen Hill Nursing Home to its residents, by a dedicated group from St. James' Parish. The service is about a half hour in duration and offers scripture, prayers, and passing of the peace to many Glen Hill residents. It brightens their day and extends the St. James' community to their community. Alvin Tuck coordinates this ministry and anyone interested in becoming a part of it, should see Alvin.

Healing

The Sacramental Rite of Healing is offered at St. James' on the first Sunday of the month at the 8:00 am service and the third Sunday of the month at the 10:00 am service. Parishioners are invited to come to the altar to receive anointing and then laying on of hands for healing prayers. All are welcome and prayers may be offered for any reason that is a concern for the person. Both the clergy and lay healers are on the altar for prayers. The Lay Healers at St. James' are: Joe Walkovich, Judy Toth, Kevin Morgan, and Cathy Blasco.

Senior Ministry

This ministry offers the seniors of St. James' some opportunities to get together for fun, food, music, and much more. Each year we have a senior luncheon in May or June. In December, we have our annual Christmas Tea. The seniors enjoy a pot luck luncheon, where they bring a favorite dish of theirs to share with everyone. We usually have some type of entertainment or game to play. Then we have our grab bag exchange, which is the best part of the whole event. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual party.

Hospital Visitors

When someone is in the hospital either for scheduled surgery or is admitted unexpectedly, (and they let us know they are in the hospital and are on the hospital directory), they will be visited by a lay member of St. James' who will offer prayer and company to the person.

Friendly Visitors

Several of our St. James' members are truly homebound and cannot get out to church or the events held. Our Friendly Visitors are scheduled monthly to pay a visit to these folks. It is a wonderful ministry of sharing our time and love. Anyone interested in giving an hour or so a month to do this, please speak with Janet Brown.

Flower Arranging/Delivery

Each week, the flowers on the altar are taken from the altar after the 10:00 am service and arranged so they can be delivered to our hospitalized or homebound parishioners. We have a group of flower arrangers who take the time to put the flowers in a beautiful arrangement. These are then taken by our flower deliverers to the homes assigned for that week. What a wonderful way to make someone's day with flowers and a visit from a member of St. James'!

WORSHIP

Altar Guild – Yvonne Kiddoe

In 2011, the Altar Guild Members dedicated their time cleaning, dusting and polishing preparing the Church and Chapel for services.

Did you know they prepared for 104 Sunday services in the Church, and 53 Saturday services in the Chapel?

Not to mention the numerous other services:

- Wednesday Services (2)
- Holy Week during the Lent period
- Good Friday

- Easter
- St James' Picnic
- Advent- Light & Hope
- Christmas Eve
- Funerals
- Memorials
- Sean Flynn's wedding.

Also, all of this could not happen without the help of Auxiliary Members who help out with the clean up after the Saturday services: parishioners offering a helping hand on Sunday's, Building & Grounds, the men of the Parish who fill in when there is a 5th week in the month, the Flower arrangers and those that wander into the inner Sacristy and just offer a helping hand.

Thank you all very much. We are always looking for new members. We welcome anyone at any time who can give a helping hand especially when we have big celebrations to prepare for. Example for Easter the Saturday before April 7th.

Our regular schedule starts on Saturdays @ 9AM, then on Sunday's 30 minutes prior to the start of service, and then clean up after each service.

For 2012, we will be very busy with the special services surrounding our 250th Anniversary.

We will be doing a Food Drive in October/November in conjunction with Daily Bread Anniversary.

God Bless you all,

Marolyn Beschle
Yvonne Kiddoe

Acolytes – Robert Pearson/Iris Peterson

We are blessed to have these young people participating in our liturgies. We thank them for their service and encourage them on their journey with Christ.

In 2011 four members of the corps graduated Kelsey Giarratana, Chris Subryan, Anthony Spaziani, and Marissa Nichols. We miss their presence and their service. We welcomed two acolytes in 2011. We are happy to have Daniel Nichols and Brian Consiglio among us. Faith Mancuso, T.J. and Marianna Consiglio and Ron Haskell are currently on leave. Ethan Moeller is on assignment in Massachusetts.

Although our acolyte corps is smaller this year, they are vital to our worship and take this leadership responsibility seriously. The acolytes actively participate in the weekly liturgies as well as additional liturgies throughout the church year.

Young people are invited to join the acolytes in sixth grade and participate throughout their middle and high school years and beyond.

Robert Pearson reads the acolytes on Sundays and fills in when needed. Thank you.

Our thanks to Jana Draper for washing and repairing our vestments.

Faithfully submitted,

(The Rev'd) Iris E. Peterson

The Saint James' Episcopal Church Acolyte Corps

Mr. Robert Pearson

Subryan, Chris	Pierce, Ashley
Giarratana, Kelsey	Nichols, Marissa
Spaziani, Anthony	Marsico, Laura
Siergiej, Julia.	Moeller, Ethan
Consiglio, Marianna	Kyriacou, Jonathan
Consiglio, T. J.	Kuell, Grace
Cox, Scott	Mancuso, Faith
Cox, Madeleine	Haskell, Ron
Nichols, Daniel	Consiglio, Brian

Ushers – Dan Cox

Our ushers continue to serve an important role at St. James' as they greet our visitors and welcome them into our congregation. In addition to collecting the offering, they count our weekly attendees and ensure that the church is picked up after our services. We call on our ranks for special occasions when tuxedos can dress up our celebrations. We thank Lew Westfall for the guidance he provided throughout much of the year. New ushers are always welcome.

Our current usher teams for our 10:00 am service include the following:

Dick Rausch, Sally Roscoe, Anthony Marsico, Dan Cox
Jehad Sabbagh, Doreen Gilliland, Frank Giarrantana, Mike Cummings
Don Owens, Carolyn Flynn, Craig Anderson, Jim Hughes, Tony Sanches
George Bogart, Lew Westfall, Scott Cox, Donna Tuck

Lectors, Intercessors, and Chalice Ministers – Iris Peterson

We have added several new members to the ranks of these ministries. We are also working with the youth to act as lectors and intercessors during Family Services.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Jean Hassen

With the help of Pastoral Care, we have continued to distribute prayer shawls and lagans to those who are ill, suffered the loss of a loved one, or are unable to attend worship services. In addition, we have begun presenting Baptismal candidates with baby blankets and shawls.

Music – Martha Galie

2011 was an active year for music at St. James':

- A Taizé service was held during Lent with Richard Brooks adding violin descants to the chants
- A brass trio and tympani enhanced both Easter day services
- Kate Taylor returned to dance for Pentecost and for Christ the King Sundays
- M&MMs now has 10 children in the group, two of whom were “recruited” at the Christmas tree lighting event at City Center
- Deidra Woodend continues to direct the Chancel Bells, now with three octaves of bells
- Carolyn Flynn made lovely covers for the bell pads, adding visual beauty to audible beauty
- The carillon concerts and maintenance continue under the capable leadership of George Bogart and Christel Davis
- A powerful service was held on 9/11/11 with extra singers, tympani and conductor Kristen O'Connor. Movements of the Faure Requiem were performed, and Erin Volpintesta sang “You Raise me Up”
- Our Sexton, Ricky Sanz, sang “Gesu Bambino” for us on Christmas Eve with Richard Brooks playing the counter melody
- The recorder ensemble hosted the Recorder Society of Connecticut in November at St. James'

- Linda Parker performed a program of Broadway hits for First Night Danbury at St. James'.

St. James' continues its wonderful tradition of strong volunteerism. May we continue to go from strength to strength, and find our place and meaning in God's Kingdom!

Carillon & Carilloneurs

The summer concert series in 2011 was very successful. More people came to listen to our concerts than ever before. We had five concerts, and all were well attended.

Our number of St James' regular players is getting smaller for health, business and other reasons.

Kristin O'Connor played the carillon together with the Music Center's performance of Ives Symphony in October. It was a great success and noted by the newspaper.

Also in October, the St James' Carilloneurs played for our annual fundraiser. The fundraiser was a great success thanks to the generosity of the congregation. We had planned to raise \$1,000 for the necessary maintenance on the bells, and we received \$1,700. Thank you again.

During January and February we put in a break, because the bells are harder to play when it is cold. In March we will start lessons and Sunday services again.

Our players are Ryan Beaudry, George Bogart, Scott and Madeleine Cox, Christel Davis, Grace Kuell, Kristin O'Connor and Donna Tuck.

BAPTISMS

**Evelyn Bridget Anderson
Ciera Brianna Davis
Jacques Julian Fontaine
Victoria Correia Rausch
Paul Roberto Small III**

BURIALS

**Dorothy Evelyn Ahlf
Michael Baldasare
LeGrande O. Cole
Claire Roseann Fowler
David Harrison
Madge L. Lumb
Jayne H. McGivern
Francis John McQuade
Eugene Francis Melvin, Jr.
Dorothy Miller
Raymond A. Miller, Jr.
George Edward Spahn
Kenneth A. Taylor
Ruth Voights
Richard C. Williams, Sr.**

MARRIAGES

Janis Patricia Waananen & Sean Robert Flynn

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