

# ST. JAMES EPISTLE



MARCH 2018

## Rector's Message

“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” Luke 5:8b

Do you ever feel like you simply are not good enough? Not holy enough? Not kind or gentle or patient enough for God to use you in any meaningful way? Peter reacts to Jesus' power and holiness in Luke 5:8b by saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” Don't look at me, Lord, for my sin seems so magnified when you are near me. It can seem that the more aware we are of the perfectness of Jesus and the overwhelming blessedness that He represents, the more small and useless we can feel. I am convinced that many people shy away from religion, generally, or church, specifically, because they believe the church makes them too mindful of their sin or imperfection. And who needs that?! The Church (big C) has often been guilty of clubbing us with the sometimes-broken nature of our lives and unnecessarily shaming us in a way that is neither helpful nor of God. The Church's sin has so often been calling to mind the sins that are common to us all without calling us to the gift of Jesus' all-encompassing and never-failing love.

Lent is a time for us to become more mindful of how our lives and will have not always been in line with God's will. But the Lenten season is even more a time to prepare ourselves to receive, again, the holiness of Jesus in all of its glory, all of its wonder and love, in His Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Our tendency to shy away from the full-on nature of Jesus' sacrificial love is understandable. I have often wondered if God didn't make a mistake in calling me to the priesthood. Why me? What can I possibly offer to God's people in the midst of my own wounded humanity? Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man! But, Jesus responds to me, to us, as he did to Peter: “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people” (Luke 5:10b). Jesus sees our brokenness; He feels our sin. But Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is so filled with love for us that it overwhelms our sin and bathes us in love. Our challenge is to receive Jesus' love in such a way as to understand that He not only accepts us for who we are, He further calls us to share that love with the world; to “catch people” with the good news of that love. We can cry out, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am sinful human!” But, Jesus looks at us with that “I am not going anywhere” kind of smile, pulls us to our feet, holds us tightly, and says, “Do not be afraid.”

As we move through Lent, let us examine how we can more fully engage the love of Jesus by looking at our own brokenness and praying for God's help in not only dealing with our struggles but moving beyond them. But, as we do so, never doubt that our challenges are not only known to the Divine heart, they are the reason He comes to us in the first place. Jesus is God's answer to our fear; in Jesus, God never leaves us, always forgives us, and calls us out into the world to “fish for people.”

In Christ, George+

## Warden's Corner

As much as I find the role of Warden to be an honor, I find myself in uncharted territory and a bit overwhelmed by what is expected of someone that has chosen to take on this role. Please forgive my ramblings as I navigate these waters. Once again I have had the honor of attending the Vestry retreat this month and I continue to be in awe of the knowledge and spirituality that I am surrounded by and am so thankful for their guidance.

A key activity of our retreat was to answer a series of questions, in small groups, broken up by years of service on the Vestry. One of the questions was, "What do we need to do better or differently? (as a vestry) One member stated, and I am loosely answering this, that we, not only as a vestry, but as a parish need to be more welcoming to new people. They based their answer on the fact that there was a potential new member who was unhappy at how they were treated when coming to our church. I was so struck by this, and my first thought was, "THIS CAN'T BE!" This is not possible in a church where myself and my family have felt nothing but love and acceptance. This answer weighed heavily on my mind. Then, after a few days had passed, I thought perception is a very different thing for everyone. What falls so easily in place for some takes much more coaxing and nurturing for others.

In light of this, I have come forth with a bit of a challenge for myself and all of you. I challenge all of us to make ourselves available to new members. Be a friendly face in a sea of change and unknown, and always be mindful that we are the face of this congregation. Smile. Speak only words of kindness, and extend yourself beyond the confines of comfort and obligation. Be natural, be inspirational and, above all, be yourself.

We, as a parish, are such an amazing force. I walk through the doors of our church and immediately am enfolded into the arms of a wonderful family. My wish is that every person that graces our doors be wrapped in the same arms. I am a huge fan of quotes, so I leave you with this from Mother Teresa: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

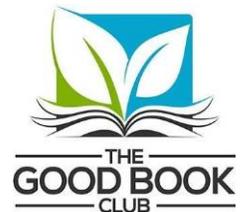
Warmly,  
Cathie Martin

## The Good Book Club

Forward Movement, the organization that has, for many years, brought us the wonderful daily reflections on scripture, *Forward Day by Day*, was started in the 1930's to encourage the daily reading of scripture. Part of their current mission is to build vital and vibrant congregations with ideas that include reading scripture and engaging it in community more frequently. To that end, they teamed up with the Episcopal Church USA and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to bring us a Lenten and Easter practice called, appropriately, The Good Book Club.

Everyone at St. James is invited to join The Good Book Club. We have *Forward Day by Day* quarterlies in the narthex wall rack. We encourage everyone to do a daily reading from *Day by Day*. We are moving through the entirety of Luke, a day at a time, with reflections for each day during the weeks of Lent in February and March. Every Sunday, between the services, you are encouraged to come (even if for a few minutes), have some coffee with us, and join in the exciting discussions that unfold around our discoveries of how God is speaking to us in the Gospel of Luke.

During Easter, we will continue our reading in *Day by Day* with The Acts of the Apostles, believed to have been written by Luke as well. You need not join the conversation to take a *Forward Day by Day*. Please take one! A wonderful Lenten and Easter practice is to take up a brief, but regular reading of the Good Book and seeing what God unfolds for us there.



## First Sunday Breakfast



Join us for warm and delicious pancakes served with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and plenty of hot coffee! The St. James Men's Group will again serve their much acclaimed breakfast from **8:45-9:30 a.m. in the parish hall**. Grab a bit of the luck of the Irish and hope to **see you there on March 4<sup>th</sup>!!** Note that in April our Breakfast will be on the Second Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> as the 1<sup>st</sup> is Easter!

## Lights – camera – action! It's **St. James Got Talent!**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5–7 p.m.**

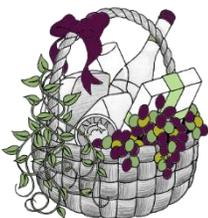


Can you dance? Sing? Tell a joke? Juggle? Magic tricks? Please join us for a night of entertainment, fellowship and surprise. Talents of all ages welcome!

- ☆ Bring your favorite appetizers or dessert to share
- ☆ Sign up to bless us with your talent And if you are interested in joining the *St. James Thrillers* for a fun dance routine (truly, you don't need dancing skills, just a sense of humor), contact Tracey Roberts at [robertsrus6@gmail.com](mailto:robertsrus6@gmail.com)
- ☆ Each act no longer than 4 minutes
- ☆ Buy a few raffle tickets to win a basket prepared by the different ministry teams and/or donated by St. James parishioners (see article below)
- ☆ Sell some raffle tickets to your family & friends. You do not have to be present at the event to win a basket, but you do have to buy a ticket!!
- ☆ Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Dominican Republic Mission Trip Fund.

## Looking for themed Gift Baskets for the **St. James Got Talent** Tea Cup Raffle!

We are looking for donated themed Gift Baskets worthy of being raffled off in a Tea Cup Raffle held on the evening of **St. James Got Talent** scheduled on April 21<sup>st</sup> (see article above). **ALL** proceeds will go towards this summer's Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Some suggestions for your themed baskets are Sports, Art, Food, Wine, Movies, Games, Books, Gardening, etc. If you, your family, or you and your friends, wish to contribute a themed Gift Basket for this cause, please contact



Sheila Church at [ctbelle2@att.net](mailto:ctbelle2@att.net), or 860-673. Baskets need to be completed and brought to the church by Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, if at all possible, so that the Gift Basket can be on view by parishioners for 2 Sunday's prior to the Talent Show evening. Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase Sundays, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$1 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 15 tickets. This is a fun way to raise money for our Mission Trip and you just may walk away with a wonderful Gift Basket that evening!

As we did 2 years ago, we encourage the various St. James ministries to get together and donate a Gift Basket for this cause. Ministries donating 2 years ago were Coffee Hour, Vestry, Care Ministry, Church School, Outreach, Choir, Women's Group, and Welcome Committee.

## We ♥ our children

Mia Flynn, a 2017 graduate of Farmington High School, who attends UConn as an honors college student, participated in an alternative break service trip to Birmingham, Alabama in early January and has qualified for induction into the University's Alpha Lambda Delta academic honor society based on her first semester grade point average.

Chloe Roberts, who swam for the first time with Farmington Rec, the Flying Fish, at Farmington Farms, was recognized at their banquet in February as Most Improved Swimmer in the 13 and up group. She also sang in Broadway Night fundraiser and dinner for the third year as part of Farmington High's Treble Choir.

## Let's meet Amy Moffat, our new Youth Minister

Hello! My name is Amelia (Amy) Moffat. I am currently a graduate student at UCONN, studying to be a School Social Worker. I have had a passion for working with teens and youth since I was one, participating in peer groups and mentoring in high school. Since finishing my undergrad at ECSU, I

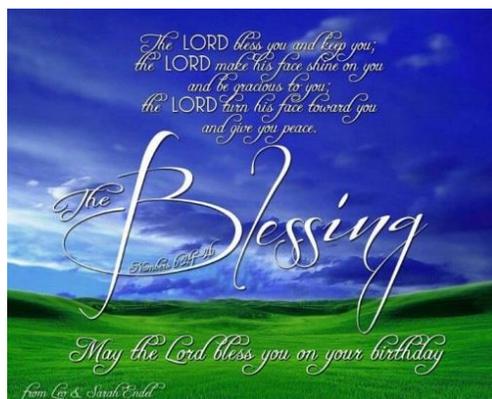


have worked at a non-profit for families and children, and currently run an after-school program in Avon. Over the summer I was the Head Counselor at Camp Washington! I enjoy spending time with my friends and family (my mom and sister are the in the photo) and am thankful to still have a connection to my lifelong love of competitive dancing through Zumba.

I have been a practicing Episcopalian since I was baptized, originally attending Christ Church in Stratford, CT. I was confirmed there and have enjoyed being a parishioner there for as long as I can remember. I feel so blessed to be able to work with the teens at St. James after spending the summer at Camp Washington where I realized my calling into the field of youth ministry. My aspiration as Youth Minister is to bring teens closer to their faith through relationship-building, service, and relating the lessons in the Bible to the modern culture and climate.

## Celebrating March birthdays!

Lila Manton  
Jane Inrig  
Lillian Tuttle  
Paul Ingram  
Drew Alligood  
David Paye  
Nick Baldwin  
Bruce Baldwin  
Lile Chekas



Bob Raupach  
May Nevius  
Ev Lyons  
Ray Madorin  
Jerry Hess  
Gary Kopycinski  
Elizabeth Alligood  
Elizabeth Anderson  
Katherine Watkin

## Church school news

Come join our First Sunday adventure on March 4<sup>th</sup>, as we talk about Lent and learn about Jesus praying while he walked through the desert for 40 days. But what did Jesus wear on his feet? Comfy sneakers or hiking boots? Come find out as we "walk" together in His shoes and recreate His journey to Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will gather together again at 10 o'clock to make our own "palms" as we continue our Lenten story.

During February's First Sunday, our children had a great time making Valentine hearts with a special message attached. They were very excited to distribute the hearts to their parents, grandparents, and other parishioners as they joined the Service that morning.

We invite children of all ages to join us in our First Sunday adventures at 10: o'clock!

Tracey Roberts & Kathy Roach



## March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Camp Washington For teens, presented by teens

### What is *Happening*?

*Happening* is a renewal weekend for teenagers in grades 10-12 (9<sup>th</sup> grade possible), a weekend full of fun, games, sharing, surprises, & most of all, a time of spiritual renewal & empowerment. Teens worship, play, sing, & talk about God's place in their lives. They make new friends who share similar concerns and questions - a reassuring discovery! A teen who acts as "rector" leads the weekend with the assistance of a staff (more young people, plus clergy as spiritual directors). The *Happening* movement believes that Christianity is relevant to youth today & can transform a rapidly changing world. *Happening* provides the opportunity for youth to develop & nourish spirituality in a fun, thoughtful, & welcoming community. Fr. George ([rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net)) can help if you have questions or are interested in registering. If finances are a challenge, we have scholarships to offer! Cost for the weekend is \$150; register at [www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org) under Programs.

### In This Corner from the Prayer Team

From time to time, the Prayer Team shares those things they find helpful, in the hopes that you may find it helpful too..

*Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger.*

*Pray not for crutches, but for wings.*

Philips Brooks

# RenewalWorks™

Our Vestry committed, last fall, to engaging in a process we all know as *RenewalWorks*, a program for parishes interested in spiritual growth and renewal. In January, we began the first step in our journey of discovery and renewal by engaging the Spiritual Life Inventory. The SLI is intended to give us data about where we say we are spiritually and where we would like to go, among other things. Over 60 St. James parishioners took the Inventory and we heard many good things about folk's spiritual sensibilities being stirred by the process and questions therein

We assembled a wonderful team who is taking the next step in the *RenewalWorks* process. Beginning in February, the St. James *RenewalWorks* Team is engaged in deep conversation about questions raised by the Inventory.

- February 21<sup>st</sup>, Workshop 1: Where have we been?
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, Workshop 2: Where are we now?
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, Workshop 3: Where do we feel called to go?
- April 4<sup>th</sup>, Workshop 4: How will we get there?



Our hope is that engaging the questions around spiritual life and growth in this particular way, will be a major step for us moving forward. The *RenewalWorks* process is geared toward encouraging parishes to go deeper into their spiritual here and now with an eye toward where God may be calling us to go. One of the primary functions of the church is to challenge and encourage us to find ways to grow our sense of God's presence in our lives. Awareness of where we are can create fertile ground in which that sense of God can grow, strengthen, and become contagious.

The St. James *RenewalWorks* Team is Carol Kirkwood, Ann Monroe-Baillargeon, Tracey Roberts, Victoria Costello, Julia Grieco, Michael Slusarz, Andrea Harris, Joyce Bettencourt, George Roberts, with Felicia DeDominicis and Donna Paye serving as co-facilitators.

## Liberty's Howard on Boston Fed board



That was the headline in Hartford Business this winter. We heard through the St. James community grapevine that our own Chandler Howard has taken a seat on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Congratulations, Chandler! Read all the details at [www.hartfordbusiness.com](http://www.hartfordbusiness.com).

## Women of St. James Book Group's next selection

Join the Women of St James Book Group as we gather to discuss our next selection:

- April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. This is a compelling account of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. It tells the stories of two men who shaped this event. One was a visionary architect who coordinated the construction of the fair. The other was a clever yet charming serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims.

## Summary of Vestry Minutes – January 18, 2018

In attendance: Fr. George Roberts, Sheila Church, Elizabeth Alligood, Donna Paye, Jay Hostetter, Ann Monroe-Baillargeon, Bill Raymond, Chris Roach, EJ Ososki, Jessica Watkin, Cathie Martin, John Smith (Absent: Todd Root)

MINUTES: FOR DECEMBER, 2017

Sheila moved to accept as distributed, Cathie seconded, unanimous vote to accept.

MINISTRY REPORTS

### Finance/Treasurer's report – December, 2017 – Jay

Jay walked us through his report. Key points:

- We ended 2017 \$4,000 ahead on income, and on budget for pledge income (which is defined as all contributions, everything except loose cash in the plate, whether formally pledged or not).
- Expenses were \$15,000 under budget due to absence of youth minister for most of the year and the \$5,000 rebate on our property casualty insurance premium.
- We projected a deficit for the year of \$53,000 and the actual deficit is \$34,000.
- We only transferred \$20,000 from operations reserve fund (which is far down from \$100,000 we were transferring 5-10 years ago).
- The only thing that didn't get paid was the 2016 audit but we accrued for it, about \$3,000.

Bill moved to accept the report, Elizabeth seconded, unanimous vote to accept.

### 2018 Budget – Jay and EJ

Jay and EJ walked us through the budget they've prepared. Key points:

- Projecting a deficit of \$57,000.
- Jerry tweaked individual pieces of the invested funds line but the total hasn't changed.
- Rector, Sexton, Organist, Parish Administrator all budgeted for 3% increase per Vestry's discussion last month. That also goes to Fr. George's other benefits (SS, HEA, Pension) as prescribed by the Diocese.
- Rebate on property insurance is not expected this year and Diocese said to expect a 2% increase. Most else is the same because we've been on budget.
- Repairs and Maintenance: we don't ever know what it will be, we overspent this year, Bad idea to soften here to narrow budget because we should be realistic.
- Diocesan Contribution is 10% of 2016 income. Local outreach, much else steady.

We discussed the budget. Main points:

- We want deficit to be around \$50,000 because we can satisfy that with a 5% draw on our roughly \$1,000,000 endowment.
- Is \$15,000 for property expenses reasonable? Probably not.
  - Most recently we had talked about painting and/or carpeting. We had discussed painting this year. There are other things that need to be done, such as the leak in the foyer which means repairs, flashing, in roof; we will have a quote on that next week. We shouldn't wait on that, water is getting in. This should have priority over other projects.
  - A separate conversation to be had later will concern replacing (not repairing) the roof. It was last done in 1995 and cost \$65,000 then. This will require a capital campaign and a loan commercially or from the Diocese. A capital campaign could also bundle work that needs to be done at the Rectory: deck, driveway, siding.
- A Youth Minister is important; a number of new young families are here because we had a Youth Minister.

- We only took \$20,000 out of invested funds this year, and they are up \$150,000 because it was a good year in the market. It would be smart to take some of those investment gains and make prudent investments in the building.

Sheila moved to accept this budget as we just amended, John seconded, unanimous vote to accept.

### **Prayer Team – Donna**

Armen and Carol said it went well on 1/14. There is a need for this and the Parish is very open and accepting of this. Next time is 2/11 when Bishop Laura will be here. This is also ongoing, the prayer team is continuing to meet and pray for people, so let's all pray for them. Thanks to Donna for her leadership in this ministry.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Renewal Works – launch of Spiritual Life Inventory on Jan. 14, ongoing**

The inventory is active until February 4<sup>th</sup>. It is very eye-opening to take. It will benefit you just by taking it. Workshops begin on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Spring Fundraiser**

Should we have some kind of tag sale? Is that something that the Parish will get behind, do we have the energy to put that together? It would be on a model like the craft fair where people would be responsible for their own tables, not dropping their stuff off which creates work. If we think we have energy Ann will start a conversation about a small event in April. The tables would be internal families and you're donating the proceeds. There's only one way to find out and that's to test it. It's pretty low risk. What if you also advertised it as come and buy things and donate them to the Friendship Service Center or one of the groups we work with. Ann will plan a meeting.

#### **Craft Fair**

Is this going to go forward next fall? It will need the support of this body. Craft Fair has energy behind it and there will be disappointment if we don't continue, but people need to commit to being responsible for certain parts of it and someone needs to be the overall chairperson. People need to get together in February and set a date for October. Fr. George and Donna will set a meeting. Then the work wouldn't start again until June.

#### **Upcoming Vestry Dates**

Move Vestry to 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, beginning March 19<sup>th</sup>. Evening Prayer at 6:30.

### RECTOR'S THOUGHTS

- **The Good Book Club begins Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Conversations between the services and Fr. George will blog about it. Forward Day by Day (the devotional series) is switching to this project to read Luke during Lent and then Acts during Eastertide with their usual devotionals. Vestry should be reading this.
- **Sabbatical team is reworking the Lilly Grant** for a Sabbatical summer of 2019.
- **Youth News:** 12 young people were here for the tubing and lock in and had a great time. Nightwatch is happening in May, an overnight trip to St. John the Divine. Thank Carol Kirkwood for all her work with the youth.

We closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Watkin, Parish Clerk

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week, which begins on March 25<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday, is the most important week of our liturgical year. Often called “Passion Week,” the week following the Sunday of Palms should bring us to a fuller and deeper understanding and appreciation of how much God loves us and sacrificed for us. As Christians, Holy Week is a time for us to be more focused on our own spiritual life and coming to terms with priorities, the need for reconciliation, and anticipating Easter’s promise. I encourage you to come to as many services as is possible for you and your family during the course of the week. Below is a synopsis of each of our services of Holy Week.



**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday** – as part of our regular Sunday worship we gather to celebrate Christ’s entry into Jerusalem and read the Passion story. We commemorate this with a special procession beginning at the corner of High Street and Mountain Road (for the 10:15 service only; we will gather outside the church for the 8 o’clock service). We will sing, wave our Palm fronds, and march as with Christ as we come to the Church. Please gather at the High Street corner at 9:45 a.m. as we will process together with First Church parishioners.

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Tenebrae** – Tenebrae literally means ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’ in Latin. We present a series of wonderful readings as 7 candles are extinguished one at a time, until even the “Christ” candle is hidden, as if in the tomb. Tenebrae prepares us for the coming three days of Holy Week.



**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday** – Maundy is from the Latin *maunde, mande, and mandatum*, meaning “an order.” On the night before Jesus died He said to His disciples, “a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another” (John 13:34). We wash each other’s feet, as we may be willing, as a sign of our own call to serve one another in humility and love, as Jesus commanded. The Holy Sacrament is taken out of the church and placed “in repose” in the Chapel, until the next day. Traditionally, the parish keeps vigil, with volunteers who will spend an hour “with Jesus,” through the night, as He goes through His arrest and trial.



**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday** – our mid-day service will be an intimate, contemplative service with short readings, Taizé music, and much time for reflection. At the 7 p.m. service we will observe the Veneration of the Cross, and taking of Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament, honoring Jesus as He lays dark in the tomb. For a fleeting moment, we feel outside the reach of Jesus, who is taken from us and placed into the ground, away from us. The low point of Holy Week, as Jesus dies on the Cross.



**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m., The Great Easter Vigil** – at sundown we process into the Church from the front lawn, after the lighting of the Easter fire outside, and begin with the glorious strains of the *Exsultet*. After readings and remembering Jesus’ sacrifice, we bring up the lights and find the joy of Alleluia again, for the first time since before Ash Wednesday. Jesus is risen! A beautiful and powerfully moving liturgy.



**Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at our usual times (8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.)** – Jesus is risen indeed! Joy abounds as we celebrate with uplifting music. An Easter egg hunt will follow the second service, after we have gathered in the parish hall for fellowship and refreshments.



## Easter Egg Hunt

**We will have our annual Egg Hunt following the 10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday service.** All children who wish to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt will be asked to exit the worship space with their families after the service through the door by the piano and down the stairs to the parish hall. The eggs will be hidden during a brief period after the service concludes. Our hope is that everyone will eat some cake, cookies, etc. and share some time of joyous fellowship. When the eggs are hidden, we will take the youngest children (toddlers through kindergarten) to the lawn in front of the main church doors (upstairs). A moment or two later, we will take children from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade out across the patio to the lower lawn. The age split helps create a more level playing field in the search for eggs. We ask parents to please encourage their older children to be mindful of those younger ones around them; we want everyone to enjoy the experience. There will be a multitude of eggs and everyone should be able to find plenty! And, yes, we will have a backup plan, should the weather not cooperate Easter morning.



## Annual Women's Easter Egg stuffing party

Join us on **Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.** at the rectory for dessert and stuffing of Easter Eggs. This is a fun time to fill hundreds of eggs for our children to find on Easter Sunday. Please RSVP to Tracey Roberts at [robertsrus6@gmail.com](mailto:robertsrus6@gmail.com) or 860-558-4281. **Donations of small candies that will fit in the eggs are most welcome!**

## Easter Memorial Fund

God conquered death on Easter. Christ's rising from the tomb makes all the difference in the world because it trumpets the Good News that we matter, that we will always matter, that God is with us in life and in death. Easter is, then, a particularly appropriate time to remember loved ones who have died by giving flowers in their memory. The Flower Committee is careful about expenditures as the cost of flowers rises, and, although any contribution is welcome, a gift of **\$35** or more is asked to cover the expense of the Easter flowers. Donations are used to provide Easter flowers and special Easter music. **Names of memorials and gifts received by Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the Easter bulletins**, and we will pray for those remembered throughout the Paschal season. Please use the form below to designate your gift. Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked "Easter Flowers". Thank you for your generosity.



In the week after Easter you are invited to take the flowers to the sick and shut-in whose names and addresses will be available Easter morning and throughout the following week.

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Please print the information as you prefer it be listed in the Easter bulletins.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:30 Eucharist at Touchpoints	2 6:30 AA	3
4 HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 <i>First Sunday Breakfast</i> ; Adult Form.- <i>Good Book Club</i> 10:00 Nursery, Church School 11:30 Coffee Hour	5	6 9:00 Chopin Foundation Master Class  7:00 Boy Scouts	7 HE 10:00  7:00 <i>RenewalWorks Workshop</i> 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal	8	9 6:30 AA	10  DST begins
11 HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 Adult Form.- <i>Good Book Club</i> 10:00 Nursery, Church School 10:30 Amberwoods Ministry 11:30 Coffee Hour. <b>First Communion Parents Meeting</b>	12	13	14  7:30 Adult choir rehearsal	15 <i>April Epistle submission deadline</i> 9:30 Prep & serve lunch at Friendship Service Center	16 2:00 Chopin Foundation workshops & concert  <b>HAPPENING weekend @ Camp Washington</b> 6:30 AA	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 
18 HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 Adult Form.- <i>Good Book Club</i> 10:00 Nursery, Church School 11:30 Coffee Hour	19 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Vestry	20	21 HE 10:00  7:00 <i>RenewalWorks Workshop</i> 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal	22	23 6:30 AA 7:00 Easter Egg Stuffing @ the Rectory	24
25 HE 8:00 & 10:15 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Adult Form.- <i>Good Book Club</i> 9:45 Gather for <b>Palm Procession</b> 10:00 Nursery, Church School 11:30 Coffee Hour	26	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 HE 10:00  7:00 <b>Tenebrae Service</b> 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal	29 7:00 <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	30 11:30 <b>Good Friday Service</b>  7:00 <b>Service of Veneration of the Cross with Eucharist</b>	31 7:30 <b>The Great Easter Vigil</b>

View the entire calendar of events at our webpage: [www.stjamesfarmington.org](http://www.stjamesfarmington.org) upcoming events.

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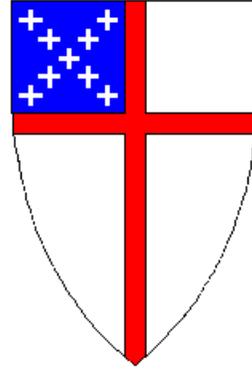
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*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community  
and live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

### STAFF

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