

# St. James Parish

## Epistle



December 2020

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### Rector's Message

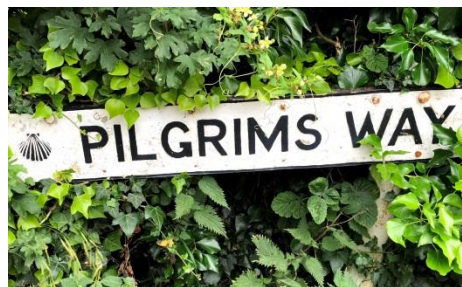
Nearly everyone within the sound of this letter knows that in the summer of 2019, I journeyed to England for what would be six weeks of incredible experiences. Most of you also will remember that the first two and a half weeks, 19 days, I spent with my lovely, supportive, amazing wife, Tracey. We had not, since we began having children together, spent that much time, just the two of us. We visited fun and interesting places, enjoyed praying together, and, above all, we walked together. We walked, and we walked, and we walked some more. For me, the most memorable time of the entire summer was walking 110 miles of the old Pilgrim's Way with Tracey, from Guildford to Canterbury. We had an amazing GPS phone that helped us, for the most part, stay on the path which sometimes was poorly marked and confusing. One day, however, as we walked down a gravel road, we knew that we had missed the side path that would take us into a village where we were staying, some mile or so off the North Downs Way, which followed the Pilgrim's Way most of the walk.

Well, realizing we missed the path, we doubled back, and came to a place in the road where there was a little hill, about 20 feet tall. I became convinced - call it the "holy spirit" - that our trail was behind that hill. The hill was almost straight up with only tree roots to grab onto. "I'm gonna climb that hill and see what's at the top. Maybe I can see the trail from there."

"Oh no, you are not climbing that thing," came the reply.

Next thing I know, I was pulling myself up the hill with my wife exhorting me to please come down.

"I'm fine!" I called over my shoulder. The cries from below became less patient and tolerant of my mid-fifties driven (maybe just male) lark. Well, I made it to the top and lo and behold, there was the "missing" trail. I called down excitedly to my wife who gave me a very stern and none-too-pleased-with-her-loopy-husband kind of look. We found a less steep place for her to join me and I, gallant that I am, helped her up. We later sat exhausted on a curb, drinking some water, in the little town we finally made it to. She was still not completely over my little escapade. She looked at me, no longer angry, and said, very seriously: "Please, promise me you will never do that again?"



I looked at her, smiled, and said, "Okay, I won't." I'm not sure she believed me.

I have thought about that climb a lot since July of 2019, in county Kent, England, as it relates to the spiritual life. We are moving into the season of Advent and

anticipating the Christmas miracle, when God intervened in a hurting, confused world and, in Christ, showed us the way to peace. Advent is a time of waiting, which is what advent actually means. We wait for Christ to reveal himself to us, once again, in the Christmas story, the age-old tale of a baby, born to poor people in Bethlehem, people who had said 'yes' to God's plan and agreed to play a part in it. Christ Jesus is the pathway to salvation, the way to God, blessing, and hope, at the last. Hills will sometimes block our way to God: anger, pain, COVID-19's fear-producing rampage, break-ups, disappointments,

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and death. Do we have the will, the hope, and the courage to face the hills of this world, climb them, with God's gentle, persistent help in Christ, and find the next pathway that will keep us traveling on our way to closer and nearer relationship with God? Sometimes we may need to be "smart" and not climb the hill but find a way around, instead.

There is more than one way that God gives us to follow Him. Christmas tells us that a new day has dawned in the kingdom of God and the way, the truth, and the life lies in a cave, a manger, and He will dispel the darkness and lighten our path along the way. If we are wise, we will seek truth-tellers who will walk the way with us: a friend, partner, sibling, or colleague. We can walk the way to Bethlehem, during this season of Advent, knowing that as we wait, as we move forward, as we climb the Light of the world waits for us, on the path yet undiscovered, or in one we knew was there all along.

In Christ,  
Fr. George+

## Budget Update

In the interest of keeping the parish informed on how we are faring with our 2020 budget, we offer this summary report. A detailed report is available for members through the parish office.

	Actual 10/31/2020	Budget 10/31/2020	Budget vs Actual
<b>INCOME</b>			
Pledges	\$220,851	\$211,050	\$9,801
Offerings & Gifts	\$3,113	\$3,585	(\$472)
Invested Funds Income	\$11,739	\$13,050	(\$1,311)
Other Income	<u>\$1,910</u>	<u>\$4,300</u>	<u>(\$2,390)</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$237,612</u>	<u>\$231,985</u>	<u>\$5,627</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Rector Salary/Benefits	\$109,015	\$108,644	\$371
Staff Salary/Benefits	\$77,315	\$79,326	(\$2,011)
Church Property	\$29,118	\$41,366	(\$12,248)
Rectory	\$5,441	\$7,037	(\$1,595)
Non-building Supplies	\$13,630	\$16,583	(\$2,953)
Music	\$4,342	\$4,983	(\$641)
Mission & Outreach	\$25,830	\$25,331	\$499
Other Expenses	<u>\$1,950</u>	<u>\$4,763</u>	<u>(\$2,813)</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$266,642</u>	<u>\$288,033</u>	<u>(\$21,391)</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>(\$29,030)</b>	<b>(\$56,048)</b>	<b>\$27,018</b>

## Warden's Corner

It is hard to believe the year is almost over, and what a year it has been; COVID 19, the election, record numbers of wildfires and hurricanes with unprecedented financial damages. However, we still have much to be thankful for:

- A COVID-19 vaccine is on the horizon – let us be thankful and prayer for its effectiveness and speedy availability. Also, let us continue to prayer for those whose lives have been closely affect through loss of loved ones or have had their financial circumstances reduced by it.
- Now that the election seems to be over, let us pray for healing and uniting of the country as The United States of America and ask for God's guidance of those in power to the betterment of all.
- As some hurricanes are still affecting us, let us be comforted by the fact that the season is approaching its end, and pray that the fires have run their course. Let us help whose how have been affected in any way we can, even it is just our continued prayer for God's bountiful strength and blessing as they try to recover.

Let's us also pray for guidance during this period when we are taking inventory of our time, talent, and material possessions which God has generously given us to be used to His honor and glory.

As Father George's recent sermon reminded us, as we go through all of our current crises, do not forget – **we are destined for salvation!**

Blessings,  
Dona Waugh, Co-Warden

## Service of Lessons & Carols

On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., we will hold a Service of Lessons and Carols. As with everything else, we are continually adapting to be as safe as possible. This year there will be no live choir - the choir is currently working virtually with plans to make a recording for presentation at this service. We will once again welcome members of the CT Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra to lead us in music along with a vocal soloist. Please join us for this special service of reading and music!



Blake Hansen, Director of Music

## Church School update

Even though not able to physically bring children to church, parents understand how important it is to continue the spiritual growth and knowledge and understanding of God for these young souls.

**Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet every Sunday on Zoom at 10:40 for about 20 minutes.** It's a time to for them to reconnect to each other and to hear and participate in Bible readings.

We are focusing on the Books of The Old Testament where we learn that we are God's people, He loves us, forgives us and protects us. October and November have been exciting months filled with the stories of creation; Adam and Eve; Noah and the Flood; Baby Moses found in the river; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's family, unhappy in Egypt because Pharaoh made them work so hard; their rescue by God as He sends plagues of frogs, gnats, flies and locusts; God's people finally leaving Egypt, but not able to cross the Red Sea with Pharaoh's soldiers and chariots close behind them; Moses calling on God for help and through the power of God stretched out his hand over the water and the water parted to let God's people through safely; God's people wandering through the desert grumbling because they had little food and water and God sending manna and quail to feed them. The children often take on the voices in the Bible and what fun it is to hear them speak as Moses, "Now will you let my people go!" Join us every Sunday for a few minutes of faith, fun and friendship.



We continue our Virtual Church School classes each Sunday. Kindergarten–5<sup>th</sup> grade meets from 10:40–11 am. 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades meets from 11–11:20 am.

**Elementary (K–5<sup>th</sup>) 10:40–11 am**

<http://bit.ly/virtualchurchschool>

Meeting ID: 464 095 1232; Passcode: 8EmEcb

**Middle + High School (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>)  
11 am–11:20 am**

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## Confirmation Corner

Hello Confirmands! Our next confirmation class will be **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from noon –2 pm** via Zoom. This month we will be exploring where youth are starting from, what they currently believe, and discovering how heretics through the ages have shaped our faith today.

Additionally, our youth peer mentors are asked to attend this session as well from noon–1 pm.

If you have any questions or need a copy of the Confirmation Expectations feel free to reach out at [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com)!

## Youth (Virtual) Christmas Party

Even though it may look a bit different this year, we will still be having our annual Youth Christmas Party for all those in middle + high school! On **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30 pm** we will be gathering virtually to play games (like Trivia and Jackbox) and spend time in community with each other.

Families are invited to stop by the narthex and pick up craft bags to do together (virtually) filled with Christmas treats! Please RSVP to [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com) if you're planning to attend!

## Celebrating December Birthdays

William Rice  
Bill Larkin  
Blair Connelly  
Kim Faubert  
Elijah Howe  
Kaitlin Bittner

Gloria Flis  
Nicholas Tuttle  
Kevin Ives  
Robyn Shover  
Jennifer Rosenthal  
Jim Clifford





## Christmas Eve Celebrations news!!

Even as we mail out the *Epistle*, which you will receive right before the beginning of Advent, we are planning for Christmas Eve celebrations. During this season of COVID-19, we have given up much, perhaps made difficult decisions about family and Thanksgiving gatherings. We do not know what the future holds, but we are setting the stage for a fun, family Christmas Eve celebration on the lawn of St. James Parish.

**Beginning at 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve, December 24, weather permitting, we will gather outdoors in front of St. James.** Socially distancing by family units, everyone wearing masks (unless something changes before Christmas) we will enjoy the presence of fire pits to warm us and give us that Christmas feel. Hot drinks will be available, too, served in a single serve, disposable cup. We will sing Christmas hymns/carols and listen to the Christmas story. We also hope to make our Christmas pageant costumes available for any of our young people who wish to dress up as a lamb or donkey or cow, or a shepherd, angel or Wiseman. This year our animals, angels, shepherds, etc. will stand in tableaux (or milling around, if they like) as the



Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2 – the Christmas story – is read. After the Gospel, we will sing some more. We hope to have – in spite of the challenges we face in our town, state, or the world – a fun time of gathering, peace, laughter, and love as a community. Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends.

**We will gather indoors at 9 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> with those who desire a more traditional Christmas Eve service**, to hold a reflective, quiet, yet beautiful Christmas Eve liturgy with Holy Eucharist, with singing led by a cantor. Join us along with your family for a socially-distanced service; a reminder that the Christ-child has come again.

**At 10 am on Christmas morning, we will have an in-person brief, celebratory Holy Eucharist** celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, come down at Christmas.

Stay tuned for more specific information in your e-flashes and bulletins, as we move closer to the Nativity of our Lord.

## Angel Giving Tree for Friendship Service Center & Farmington Community Services

The mission of the Friendship Service Center (FSC) is to provide friendship and direct service to the poor and needy of Central Connecticut, including the ownership and operation of housing for the poor. The Farmington Community Services (FCS) provides support to residents experiencing financial, physical and psychosocial hardships. With the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our traditional Giving Tree is not possible and the organizations we support have made adjustments to their gifting programs.



**Farmington Community Services:** As was done with the Thanksgiving Baskets, the Town is accepting only monetary donations to be converted to gift cards for the children's gifts. We have committed to providing gifts for at least 10 children in Farmington. **Checks should be mailed to the church, made out to St. James Parish with Giving Tree in the note section. All donations must be received by St. James by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in order for us to forward the donations to the FCS.**

**Friendship Service Center:** The Angel Giving Tree will be a collection of gift cards. Anyone wishing to participate can purchase a card (\$20-\$25) and drop it off at the church **by Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Locations that have been popular in the past, including places where a hot meal could be purchased are: Dunkin, McDonald's, Burger King, KFC, Walmart, C-Town, Stop & Shop, Old Navy, Price-Rite, Target, save-a-lot, Marshall's, Aldi.

This is a wonderful opportunity for St James to share joy with those in need in our community. Thank you very much for your continued generosity!!

## Bible Study: Paul's letter to the Romans

We are studying Paul's letter to the Romans, using Tom Wright's study guide called *For Everyone, Romans*. We have books in the office (\$10/copy), if you would like to participate. Participation does not necessarily mean coming to every (right now virtual) conversation we have. You can obtain a study guide and read Romans on your own or join us when you can. We are always delighted for you to drop in now and again. There is a small group of folks who have taken a deep dive, not only in reading Scripture, but in joining us for Bible study. I hope folks will continue to find strength, wisdom, joy, and comfort in reading God's holy word.

## Christmas Decoration Fund

When we celebrate together during holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are poignantly aware of those who are no longer with us. If you would like to make an offering for Christmas decorations in memory of loved ones, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office. Offerings may also be made in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

**The deadline for donations is noon on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.** Make checks payable to St. James Parish marked "Christmas Decorations." After Christmas, the flowers will be distributed to the sick and shut-in. If you would like to help with that ministry, please call the parish office (860-677-1564). Thank you.



Please print as you wish the donation listed in the Christmas Bulletins

In memory of

OR In thanksgiving for

Given by

## Join us for Greening of the Church

On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:30 service (roughly 10:30), we will commence with the Greening of the Church for Christmas!! Yes, this has been a rough year but, as we think of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, gather with us, socially distanced and wearing your mask, for our traditional Greening. **We are doing more than usual outside this year,** as our early Christmas Eve family service will be outdoors. So if you are more comfortable being outside, there will be "something green" for you to do! Many hands make light works, but please, let us know in advance if you are able to assist us this year, just so we don't have too many folks congregating inside or outside this time around. Please bring your clippers as we only have a few pair, and we will have coffee (if it is cold enough for it ☺). Blessings and we look forward to seeing you soon!



## St. James Christmas Cookie Cookbook!

Christmas bakers! We may not be able to hold our cookie swap as normal, but in these different times, we would like to still hold the tradition alive!

We are looking for all individuals or families to **submit a favorite cookie recipe for our first ever Christmas Cookie Cookbook!** Please submit the following by December 13<sup>th</sup> so we can have it out to the parish in time for the holidays for those looking for Christmas dessert inspiration! **Please email all submissions to [amy.siyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.siyouthminister@gmail.com) by December 13<sup>th</sup> to have your recipe included!**



Please provide:

A favorite family "cookie" recipe (can be other types of Christmas-y desserts)

A memory or short explanation of WHY it is your favorite

BONUS: A photo of the dessert or you/your family making them.

## Christmas Services

Sunday, December 20, 4 pm Service of Lessons & Carols

Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Tableau & Carols (outdoors)

10:30 pm Festal Eucharist

Friday, December 25, 10 am Christmas Day Eucharist



## Adult Christian Formation 2020-2021

We are in an exciting Christian Formation program year for our congregation and beyond. We partner with the Spiritual Life Center (SLC), in West Hartford, to present a year on Christian Spiritual Practices. Part of walking the way of Jesus and truly living the Christian life means drawing forever closer to the Divine presence. In our busy lives, however, finding new, creative, and practical ways to live the Christian life and engage in our spiritual journey (we are all on one, by the way) can be very challenging indeed. So, St. James Parish presents, in communion with the SLC, workshops on Christian Spiritual practices.

### **Spiritual Direction, The Rev. Tom Carr. Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am–noon.**

Tom Carr is Pastor of Second Baptist of Suffield, Connecticut. His primary interests are in preaching, worship leadership, teaching and spiritual growth. He is a certified Spiritual Director. Spiritual direction is one person, walking with another person or group of people in the process of paying attention to the movement of God in his or her life, as s/he grows in intimacy with God.



### **Praying the Daily Office, The Rev. George Roberts. Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6: 30–8:30 pm.**

Fr. George has spent a lifetime utilizing the Daily Office as an integral part of his life of prayer, devotion, and growth in closer awareness to God's call on his life. Fr. George will take us on a journey that will highlight the monastic beginnings of the office and highlight how we can use the Divine office as a tool of prayer of connectivity and walking closer with God.

*Ignatian Spirituality*, Judy Pluta, BA, MA, Boston College, NYU. Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am–2 pm.

*Praying with Art*, Lisa Hudkins. Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am–noon.

## Prayer Team

From time to time, The Prayer Team shares something of what has been helpful to us, in the hope that you may find it helpful, too ...

Our work as a Prayer Team, of course, is to lift your concerns to God in prayer. We pray with you, we pray for you, and we know that the community of St. James prays for us.

These days, though, we all need an extra dose of encouragement, and clarity of vision. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all that's happening in our world, country, communities, and perhaps even in our homes. Maybe we think that when we pray, there's no one hearing us on the other end, that the connection is somehow broken.

But this week, as part of the Sunday morning Bible study, we considered the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans. These verses refocused my vision, and encouraged my heart. I hope they speak to you.

*Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship, or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

[Romans 8:35-39]

### **St. James Prayer Team ... Praying together for you**

*Always available, always confidential*

Pat Clark  
Carol Kirkwood  
Donna Paye  
Armen Slusarz



## Minutes of the Vestry of St. James: October 15, 2020

Present via Zoom: Fr. George Roberts, Jessica Watkin, Julia Grieco, Foster White, Dona Waugh, Jim Wilkie, Kim Pereira, Tom Nelson, EJ Ososki, Mimi Hostetter

Not present: Robyn Shover, Rebecca McFarland

### Minutes: September, 2020

Foster moved to accept the minutes as amended with one typo corrected. Jim seconded. Unanimous vote to accept the minutes as amended.

### Ministry Reports

#### *Finance/Treasurer's report – September, 2020*

Foster moved to accept the report. Mimi seconded. We are thankful to EJ for the summaries he provides via email. Unanimous vote to accept the report.

#### *Report on the reserve account/investments*

- As of 10/31, we have a balance of \$822,363. Rate of return has bounced back.
- We have finalized the rest of the transfer from Vanguard to Fidelity.

#### *Discipleship Team Update*

- The group is pretty far along and very excited about the work we've been doing. Experiencing God and Committing to Christ were the first two units, we now move to Sacrificial Living, and then take a break during Advent and Christmas before starting back up in early 2021.

#### *Cleaning up the grounds – update*

- Skip and Tom & Sonia Mason have been doing a lot of work on the side lot, a bit on the front, and then will turn to the back, including the median. The cutback is pretty extreme as things were very overgrown; seeing it might be shocking but it is what it should look like now. In spring and summer it will be beautiful.

### New Business

#### *Church School update in brief – “Weaving God's Promises”*

- Amy is launching not only high school and middle school groups but Pre-K to 5th grade.
- Are there folks who are willing to sub or cover a few weeks for Amy? There are 5 children in the younger group and as many in the older kids.

- Fr. George to follow up with individual families via email, not mass email but specific outreach to families with small children.

- If you have neighborhood connections, let them know of Church School. No need to RSVP just have folks show up! It is a 20-minute online program.

#### *Joining Jesus Initiative*

- For more specifics, click on this link: <https://www.episcopalct.org/joining-jesus/>
- This is a big project of the Diocese. We talked about it as long ago as 2017. Participation has been voluntary and we have not been involved as a Parish. It is becoming clear that there is an expectation of our involvement. Fr. George suggested that we give a gift designated for, say, Camp Washington, as our way of choosing to be involved.

### Old Business

#### *Stewardship update*

- Tentative pledge budget/goal \$275,000. This is a 3% increase over last year.
- We are doing a new type of mailing: a series of postcards. Each card features a different area of ministry. The third of five will be new response/pledge card with self-addressed envelope to come back to church. Dave and Kim Flaubert donated all of the printing and Tara King did the design work.
- Each week in different mediums we will share a short video testimonial someone has done.

#### *New St. James sign will be needed – Jim Wilkie*

- Jim got one sign company (SignPro) to come out and look; we are waiting for their proposal. They will give us a couple of options, one to replace as-is, one a more updated version that can be seen going both ways on Mountain Rd. SignPro is very familiar with zoning regulations in the Village.
- Jim has a second company in mind that he'll get a bid from once we get the bid from SignPro.
- The current sign is badly dry-rotted, it is passable, but it is not doing what a sign should do. Replacing it is not “if but when.”

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### Architect, Jack Kemper, "feasibility" study

- He gave us a really comprehensive architectural layout, which more than we wanted, so he is going to redo. He is well known in the Village, has done work at Miss Porter's.

### Conversation around building capital campaign

- When we get our next quote and know what any renovations will cost us combined with other major projects, we'll know how much we have to raise. We must have a goal in finished product and in dollars. Acknowledgement that COVID makes this harder.
- We have done capital campaigns before, using a consultant. It would be premature to start before we have the study. We agreed to get the study done, then start talking about campaign.
- We would like to tie the campaign into the Sesquicentennial.

### Retention/Connection

- People are feeling disconnected from their various communities in different ways.
- What are ways we as a Vestry might take initiative around establishing a Pastoral Care Team who could be trained to visit and take Eucharist to Parishioners?

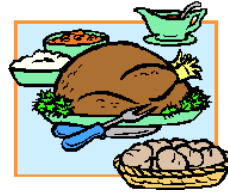
### 2023 Sesquicentennial

- Form a committee in early 2021. Some folks have already expressed interest in helping lead events related to this.
- What are big and little ways we can celebrate? (For example, during the Centennial there were commemorative plates.)
- Big institutions spend a couple of years planning for an anniversary like this. Do you know anyone who has expertise in this?

Jim moved to adjourn. Foster seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn. We closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:08 pm.

## Thanksgiving Basket Thanks

St James Parish once again committed to supply 10 Farmington families in need with food for their Thanksgiving meals. Due to COVID-19, the Town did not accept donations of food items, but only monetary donations. **Thanks to your continuing**



**generosity, we were able to donate enough to provide Baskets (through gift cards) for 15 families' Thanksgivings! Thank you all!!**

## Notes from the Parish Office

IRS reminder: as the end of the 2020 rapidly approaches, many of us choose to make charitable gifts. In order for you to receive credit for a tax-deductible donation on your 2020 tax return, **the donation must be received by St. James or postmarked on or before December 31, 2020.** Donations made or mailed after that date, even if the check is dated in 2020, cannot be included in your 2020 Contribution Statement issued in January, 2021.

The 2021 Altar Flower Chart is now in the narthex. Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the day's services. Note that there will be no altar flowers during the Lenten season.



If you pledged for 2021 and requested envelopes, the boxed envelope sets will be labeled and ready in the narthex for you to pick-up on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the parish office if you would like your envelope set dropped off at your home.

## Your photo in print or on our website?

St. James Parish uses candid photos of various church activities on our website and in publications (like this *Epistle*). If you prefer that your photo NOT be displayed, please contact the parish office; we maintain a list of members whose likeness is not to be shared.

## Emergency Closing Info

In the event of an emergency, most often weather-related, parish closing information will be available on WTIC-AM 1080 radio and on WFSB-3 and WVIT-30 television stations. Whenever possible, a notice (e-flash) will be sent and the website updated as well.



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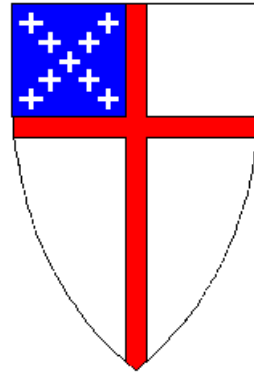
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### MISSION STATEMENT:

*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

The Rev. George C. Roberts	Rector
Amelia (Amy) Steele	Youth Minister
Blake Hansen	Director of Music
Susan Deming	Parish Administrator
Kelly Nauss	Sexton
Laura Vacca	Nursery Supervisor

#### OFFICERS

Kim Pereira & Dona Waugh, Wardens  
EJ Ososki, Treasurer  
Jerry Hess, Asst. Treasurer  
Jessica Watkin, Parish Clerk

#### VESTRY

##### 2021

Mimi Hostetter  
Kim Pereira  
Robyn Shover

##### 2022

Thomas Nelson  
Foster White  
James Wilkie

##### 2020

Julia Grieco  
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