



## St. James' Skaneateles Kick's Off Fall Programming on September 11th!

Wow! It has been an incredible summer season. St. James' has enjoyed God's gift of warm temperatures, sunshine, rest, time with family and worship by the lake. The time has come where we all enter the season to get back to school, routine and productivity. And St. James', like most families, are gearing up to begin again fall programming beginning September 11th. This includes centering prayer, Dive Deeper Adult Bible Study, Saints in Training Sunday school as well as introducing some new offerings. Given the world we live in, St. James' will remain committed to online worship and programming moving forward. The St. James' family is now spread across the country and this strong online presence allows flexibility for many navigating life's health and over-scheduled challenges. Within this seasonal issue of the Spirit, you will find informative articles on worship, programs, and opportunities to serve in diverse ministries through St. James'. Some highlights to be watching as we enter the Fall Season:

• **St. James' Skaneateles New Website Design:** A special thank you to Danielle Larkin, Web Assistant for the hard work of keeping St. James' looking good in the virtual world. Be sure to visit [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org)

often to see what is new, worship bulletins, or look through for resources to ministries such as CreationCARE, Racial Justice & Reconciliation, Children's Ministry, etc.

• **Social Media:** St. James' Skaneateles shares worship on [Facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesSkaneateles) each Sunday at the 9 am & 10:45 am services in addition to Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6 pm. You can watch live. You can go back and find it anytime on Facebook or on direct links found on [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org). St. James' also shares local news, diocesan news, national church information, and events/programming held at St. James'. Consider liking St. James' Facebook & Instagram pages as well as Youtube channel.

• **Children's Ministry:** Saints in Training begins again on September 11th at 9 am. This is Sunday school for ages 4 years old through grade 5. This year class will continue to be hybrid offering zoom & in-person. The interactive curriculum will be based on *Epic Stories from the Bible* helping our children begin a growing relationship with God. Laura Posecznick will continue to lead teach with Kristen Baleno as teaching assistant in class. Parent help is always appreciated. And this year, older graduates of Saints in Training will be helping out mentoring our new Saints!

• **The Calling Podcast featuring Michael Larkin:** If you have not taken time to listen to *The Calling* Podcast series, you are missing out! Each episode of *The Calling* focuses on real local people living the life utilizing their gifts and talents that make a difference in this world. Interviews combined with short devotions and music all wrapped up conveniently located on Apple podcasts or find a direct link on [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org).

Thank you for your continued support of St. James' clergy and staff. It is only with your participation and generosity, St. James' continues to grow. If you are new to St. James' or been with us for a while, 2022-2023 at St. James' Skaneateles brings exciting ways to walk a life of Christ and explore opportunities to serve expanding our knowledge and faith. Let's Go!



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## Introducing St. James' new Office Manager: Michael Larkin

Looking back over the last decade of ministry at St. James', it seems that God continually supplies the people we need for the present moment. When Beth Cichostepski retired as St. James' Parish Manager, after 30 plus years, it was hard to imagine filling her shoes. And yet, Melissa Thompson joined St. James' staff as Office Manager in December 2019 and as it turns out was so well suited for the challenges that the pandemic brought our way. Nicole Bova also joined St. James' staff in December 2019 right before the pandemic. She stepped into the newly created position of Parish Accountant and continues to be the right person not only to help us improve so many areas of St. James' financial practices and reporting, but to assist St. James' Thrift Shop as well.



In mid-June of this year, Melissa Thompson decided it was time to retire and have more

time for her family. Michael Larkin stepped right up offering to fill in as interim Office Manager until we could plan to fill the job permanently. But what has transpired has again been a story of the right person at the right time. Michael knows this parish so well and is already committed to St. James' vision.

He also knows all of the technology and software we use for producing slides, bulletins and so forth. He is a patient and pro-active problem-solver and there is regular need for those skills and temperament. Michael is also bright, persistent, and a quick learner when it comes to the huge variety of tasks that make up managing St. James' office. So, after having Michael in the interim position for a few weeks, and with his enthusiastic agreement, we navigated an interview process and offered him the permanent position of Office Manager. Michael will continue in his role as Director of Contemporary Music & Technology and the combined positions will be one full-time job. Welcome Michael! We are excited to have you in this new role and

so thankful for your willingness to continue supporting St. James' mission and ministry in yet another capacity.

### Contact Michael Larkin:

Stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 8 am–1 pm

Leave a message on 315-685-7600



Be sure to Tune In! Find episodes featuring, Rev. Becky Coerper, Meg O'Connell, Allyn Foundation, Josh Allyn of Tap Root Fields, Gary Mann of Rescue Mission and more!



my words shall proclaim Thy praise.” We say Matins, consisting of psalms and readings, responsively from right side to left side. Matins is followed by the Eucharist. The rites I spoke of above take place every day either during the Eucharist or during the Office depending on which rite is being held. Noon prayer happens at lunch time, and is the shortest of the day. The afternoon free time as well as in the morning is used for private prayer, Lectio Divina, or whatever we choose to do including enjoying the beauty of nature and the area. We pray Vespers before dinner; and after dinner, we pray Compline. After Compline, we have the opportunity to get together socially until the Grand Silence at 10 pm. Each of us has a private room while at Convocation and our social evenings plus our lunch and dinner times when we really get to know one another and forge some lasting relationships with the ones we have spent so much ZOOM time. Needless to say, leaving is always bittersweet and we look forward to Monday evening when we can see one another again if only on ZOOM!

## The Benedictine Way of Life

By Sister Marie Patricia Hughes, OSB

When I returned from Convocation this past June, I was surprised at how many people asked me what I did all week and what was it like at Conception Monastery in Missouri. So, I hope this little insight into what I did and am doing might engender interest in others who may be wondering why someone my age and stage in my life would enter religious life. First of all, our group is world wide and religious members live all over the United States, in Canada, Europe, and even South America. We number over 60 members who consist of a dispersed community which means we continue to live where we are so we do not live together in a monastery. However, we meet regularly each week on ZOOM for praying the Divine Office together. Members are categorized in different stages according to when and why they entered. The first year of acceptance is the Postulant year; followed by two years as Novices; and finally, the three years as annually vowed members until in the third year final vows are taken. We wear a black habit as do all Benedictines, and we are part of the Episcopal Church, even though we have our Convocation at the Catholic Benedictine Conception Abbey. There are also two types of religious, vowed members and Oblates. Vowed members take final vows of stability, obedience and conversion of life; while Oblates make promises which are less binding.

The highlight for most of us is the opportunity to attend Convocation twice a year. The larger one occurs in June and the smaller one in October. During June all of the rites take place. Aspirants are accepted as Postulants; Postulants receive their habits and religious name and enter into their Novitiate; 2nd year Novices take first or annual vows; and third year annual vowed religious take final vows. Men receive the name Brother, and women are known with the Sister. The Abbot, who is the Head of the group; chooses the name of the religious from one of the three he or she has submitted with the reasons for choosing that particular name. Interestingly enough, Sister Marie Patricia was my third choice, and I only put it in there because all my family and relatives call me by my nickname Patty from Marie Patricia. I was not only surprised when the Abbot gave me that name, but I realized how delighted and perfect it was. (We had to explain why we gave the three choices we did, but I just threw that name into the mix because I really needed three names!)

During Convocation our day is structured around the Hours of the Divine Office. In the morning after breakfast, which we eat in silence because the Great Silence begins at 10 PM, we go to the Oratory and the first words are “The Lord Will Open my mouth; and

# WE'RE ALL SAINTS-IN-TRAINING



## Saints in Training Sunday School Begins September 11th at 9 am!

Another season of Saints in Training is upon us! Registration forms are located on welcome tables as well as in the Saints in Training Room. This class is open to any child aged 4 years to grade 5. Children should be able to sit and listen for short lessons, games, or crafts. Saints in Training is a hybrid learning environment to allow for students from outside the area, feeling under the weather or just prefer being online to join our in-class children. Online children join via zoom any week they choose. In-person kiddos are welcome to come to the Saints class room located in the lower level under the parish hall. This year's curriculum is interactive with videos, experiments, crafts and games all helping to share the love of Jesus. These will be Epic Teachings of the Bible with themes of the fruits of the spirit, the Lord's Prayer and other foundational Christian stories. The Children's Ministry team work

hard to keep things fun and customize lessons to the age-group for the day. Laura Posecznick will again be the lead teacher for Saints in Training with Kristen Baleno as second in command. Parents are welcome to help out as well. This year, this class will also have Saints in Training graduates assisting with some classes mentoring our younger students. Tentative class schedule for the first part of the year is located below. Be sure to visit [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org) for resources that will help students virtually or things to do as a family. Hard to believe but the Saints crew will be preparing for the Christmas pageant beginning in November as we will be creating a video similar to last year. Please be on the look out for filming times! If you have questions about Children's Ministry, please contact Laura Posecznick ([laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org)) Children's Ministry Team Leader.

Saints in Training Zoom Meeting ID  
Meeting ID: 835 8129 7530  
Passcode: 795243

### Saints in Training Schedule First Half

September 11  
September 18  
September 25  
October 2  
NO Class October 9th  
NO Class October 16  
October 23  
October 30  
November 6  
November 13  
November 20  
NO Class November 27  
December 4  
December 11  
December 18

## Special Thank You to the Volunteers who Cleaned the Children's Ministry Rooms!

Beth Quattrociocchi, Kathy Ploufe, Heidi Nightingale, and Judy Holms did a fabulous job cleaning and organizing the St. James' nursery, Saints in Training classroom, and the resource room. Thank you for your time and elbow grease!

## St. James' is Kid Friendly!

Remember Kids are Welcome at ALL Worship Services in the Nave! Many parents worry that their children will create noise or become "itchy" during worship and choose to stay home instead. Please know that St. James' enjoys the joyful and "not so joyful" sounds that come from your children. St. James' wants everyone to feel comfortable within its walls. There is a rug in the back corner with quiet toys, books, and coloring activities for all children. There are kid activity baskets children can in the pews should you need some additional items to occupy attention. So come all you children into the doors of St. James'!!!

## Nursery OPEN for Family Use Anytime!



After reaching out to families, currently St. James' does not have a need for a staffed nursery. The children have "graduated"! Staff will review again in the spring to see if this changes. Contact Laura Posecznick at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org) with questions.

# Two Ways To Give to Grow!

## 1

Give now to the St. James' Foundation Leadership Support Fund. Your gift will support the hiring of a part time Assistant Rector to assist with worship and to be a part of our church leadership team and ministry.

## 2

Consider making a Planned Gift through your Will or as part of your financial or estate planning. A gift to the St. James' Foundation will support St. James' over the long term.

### **Give to Grow!** **St. James' Church is looking to keep growing.**

The Vision: We seek to empower the ministry and mission of St. James' Church by raising \$500,000 for the Leadership Support Fund of the St. James' Foundation. This fund was first established by the Vestry in 2020 to support leadership endeavors specifically related to clergy and staff. We are seeking additional contributions to the Leadership fund in 2022 to support the hiring of a part time Assistant Rector. Over the long term, contributions to this fund will be available to support other leadership focused initiatives and various needs of our clergy and staff.

In 2022, we are all being invited to "give to grow" both in the short and long term by contributing to the St. James' Foundation now and in the future. Your gift will ensure that St. James' continues to grow as an active and vibrant Christian community, with parishioners alive in their faith and sharing God's love with the world.

#### **Learn More About the Give to Grow Campaign • In-Person Gatherings in the Parish Hall**

**September 18th at 12pm**

**September 22nd at 12pm**

A light lunch hosted by Cheryl & Fred Speno will be served and there will be opportunity to ask questions and hear the exciting future growth of St. James'. This will also be one of the first in-person fellowship opportunities held since the pandemic began so take advantage!

To assist with food preparation, please contact the Parish Office to let us know which date you will be attending. If you find you can attend last minute-please do join-there will be plenty!

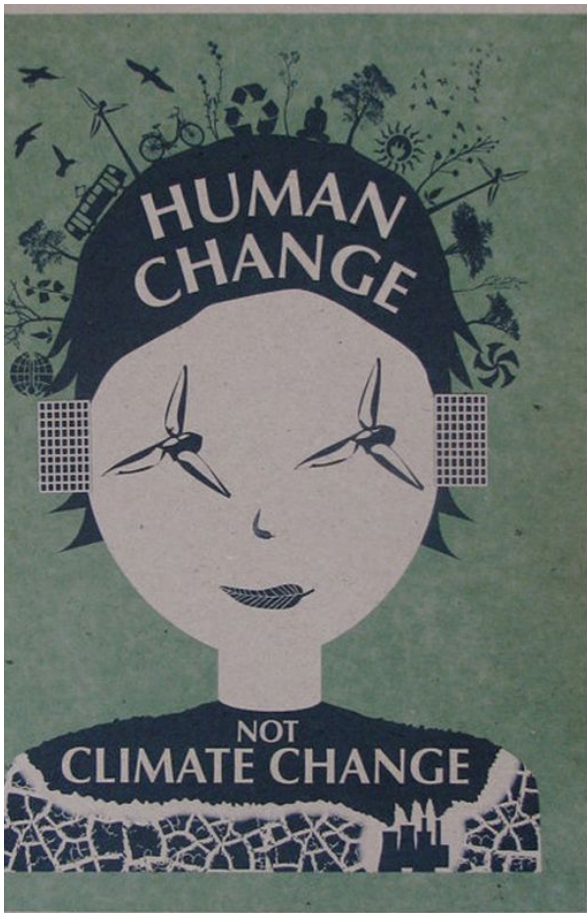
**[StJamesSkan.org/Give-to-Grow](http://StJamesSkan.org/Give-to-Grow)**



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## St. James CreationCARE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

12:00 - 1:30 pm

**DIVEST / INVEST**  
**align your money with your values**

### Parish Hall

96 E. Genesee Street - Skaneateles, New York

**contact:** [kipcoerper@gmail.com](mailto:kipcoerper@gmail.com)

light refreshments served  
recording available upon request

Michael Richardson from the Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle will lead an interactive conversation on how to move your personal finances away from funding fossil fuel extraction, production and distribution... and instead see your deposits, premiums and investments used to fund local businesses and farms, affordable housing, and development of regenerative clean energy.

**#1 Personal Banking:** If you bank with Chase, Citi, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, TD Bank, U.S. Bank or other major Wall Street banks, your money is being used to fund climate destruction. There are many local options that use your deposits to fund local ventures and not for fossil fuel projects. Learn how to find such regional and local community banks and credit unions.

**#3 Home & Auto Insurance:** If you insure your home and/or auto with Liberty Mutual, Travelers, All-State, GEICO, State Farm or other major insurance companies, then your money is being used to both insure and invest in the excavation, production and distribution of oil, tar sands, coal and gas. Learn how to find small insurance companies - some based in New York State - that do not insure nor invest in fossil fuel projects.

**#2 Credit Cards:** If you have credit cards with Chase, Citi, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Capital One, or Credit One, your money is being used to fund an economy dependent on fossil fuel rather than transitioning to renewable sources. Learn how to find a truly "green" credit card.

**#4 Retirement Investments:** Most financial institutions are complicit in the climate crisis. Wall Street banks provide hundreds of billions of dollars in loans to the fossil fuel industry. Asset managers - companies that people pay to manage and invest their money - are the world's largest investors in fossil fuels. Learn about the funds you are investing in and the alternatives... and how to find an environmentally conscious financial advisor.



## Green Corner by Kip Coerper

Recycling is complicated. Fortunately, New York State is one of the top 10 recycling states in the nation. The majority of residents in Onondaga County, are attempting to recycle. 51% of the material in our total waste stream is recycled. Over 65% of paper is recycled and a large percentage of aluminum as well. Plastic is more problematic. However, because our waterways and wildlife are grossly polluted by it, it is important for us to make an effort to reuse or recycle plastic. The first thing to ponder with plastic is - can you avoid purchasing it? Plastic wrap around some food products may be necessary. But perhaps you could look for a salad dressing in a glass container rather than a plastic container. Or perhaps you make your own salad dressing with oil and vinegar stored in glass bottles. Glass is easier to recycle and does not harm the environment, unlike plastic.

**Onondaga County guidelines** can be found at <https://ocrra.org/services/recycle/> They include:

Plastics: Ignore the numbers; use shape to decide recyclability: bottle, jar, jug or dairy tub = recycle.

Paper: Empty and flatten boxes. Remove packing or film plastics in or around boxes.

Containers: Must be empty and rinsed.

Labels are okay.

Lids and caps: Reattach.

**Cayuga County** <https://www.auburnny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4131/f/uploads/streamlinesinglepgsjuly2021.pdf> uses the following guidelines:

Co-Mingle Recycling – Mixed combination of cleaned and flattened:

- Newspaper/Magazines/Cardboard
- Glass containers
- Metal containers
- Plastic containers (Consumer Grade 1-7)
- All items shall be cleaned and flattened if possible
- Plastic shopping bags should be returned to the store you received them from.

**DO NOT recycle junk mail, broken glass, light bulbs, mirrors, plate glass, cook-ware, styrofoam or plastic shopping bags.**

Please note that recyclables should be loose in the bin – not in plastic bags. Your items will be considered trash, if in a plastic bag or garbage bag.

Also note that the **Village of Skaneateles** is starting a recycling program with 2 bins in Clift Park – and 1 bin in Thayer Park. Please look for the recycling bins for **cans and bottles** when you have that trash in our parks.

If you would be interested in more recycling options, or have questions concerning our environment, please contact the Skaneateles Environmental and Advisory Committee at <https://www.villageofskaneateles.com/bc-eac> If you really care about the environmental impact of plastic, consider purchasing a box from **Terracycle.com** and fill it with all the plastic waste and other products, including clothing, that are not normally recycled and send it back to them postage free. They then will turn the plastic into raw material that is used to create new products.



CreationCARE is St. James' environmental ministry. We believe we have a responsibility to care for our natural resources, be responsible stewards of God's creation, and share the importance of caring for creation with others. If you agree and would like to learn more and/or to be a part of this ministry, please contact [Kip@stjameskan.org](mailto:Kip@stjameskan.org).





Through interest from many parishioners, St. James' has formed a Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission to do our part in the community. This group of active volunteers meets regularly and is committed to sharing important information to St. James' Family regarding Racial Justice. This Commission will share resource material on StJamesSkan.org and within the weekly newsletter. Be sure to check out the "Did you know?" articles in the weekly helping to share facts and insights. This past summer, this group sponsored Five to Life Gospel Quintet who performed outside during worship and their own concert. A schedule of events and programs coming soon!

## Did You Know? By Emma Cowley

Below is a visual on the 6 parts that make up the Emotional Intelligence in Anti-Racism. Looking at these 6 different aspects of emotional intelligence and applying it to anti-racism helps in selfevaluating yourself while on this journey towards being anti racist.

*\*Based on "Emotional Intelligence Has 12 Elements, Which Do you need to work on?" (Goldman & Boyatzis, 2017) & @antiracismeveryday*



Nancy Graham welcoming back St. James' sponsored Lost Boy Angelo Kiir.



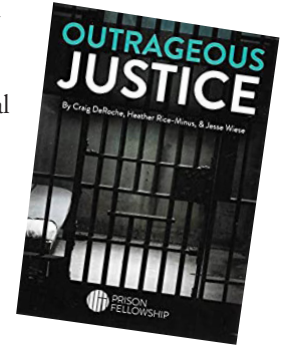
## Diocese Pride Picnic

Join LGBTQ+ Episcopalians and Allies for a fun fall Pride Picnic and noonday prayer! All are welcome. We'll be at Pavilion 3 in Dwyer Memorial Park (6347 Little York Lake Rd, Preble) on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We'll provide the burgers (meat and veggie) and fixings as well as a selection of beverages, and ask that you bring a dish to pass. If you can, bring your own utensils, cup, and dish to help reduce paper/plastic waste. You are also welcome to bring your own preferred (nonalcoholic) beverage. Please RSVP by Saturday, September 24th: <https://forms.gle/Gd5Kc6s-FegmBf1fv8>

## Outrageous Justice Program Returns in the Fall

In May 2022, Ellen Kulik and Cindy Bright (leaders of the St. James' Jail Ministry) facilitated a book study/discussion group using the Outrageous Justice program which was created by Prison Fellowship. It was an eye opening, yet balanced, look at life in American Prisons, the recent history and struggles of our criminal justice system and how St. James' may be called to respond to it. The 10 parishioners who participated in the study had a favorable experience and suggested that it be repeated this fall. One wrote: "The statistics about incarceration rates are staggering by themselves but, when coupled with the personal stories and videos in the Outrageous Justice series, I had a clearer understanding of the challenges facing both our society and incarcerated individuals."



If you want to learn more about the US criminal justice system from people on the inside, join us for 6 Monday evenings from September 19-October 24th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Sign up by contacting Michael Larkin at the parish office, 315.685.7600.



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# Looking Forward to Stewardship Campaign for 2023

This fall, the St. James Stewardship committee is making plans for a series of Sunday services that will highlight God's Provision in our lives. As well as videos sharing stories of **PRAYER, HOPE and PREPARATION** from members of our community who have witnessed God at work in their lives, we hope to encourage conversations about the hopes, prayers and preparation that we all envision for the future of St. James'.

Although these past few years have brought much change, anxiety and uncertainty, we believe that as a community, St. James has so much to be grateful for and many plans to make for a bright future. We hope you will join us at either service on September 25, October 2 and October 9 as we come together in **PRAYER, HOPE and PREPARATION** for 2023. The videos will also be posted on [www.stjameskan.org](http://www.stjameskan.org). We look forward to seeing you soon!

*From the 2022 St. James Stewardship Committee*

## Want to lend a helping hand at YOUR convenience?

Every Saturday since April 2004, the soup kitchen at Sts. Peter and John Episcopal Church on Genesee Street in Auburn has served lunch to as many as 200 of our hungry neighbors. For almost all of those 18 years, St. James parishioners have volunteered to prep food and serve on the last Saturday of every month.

Because of COVID-19, the soup kitchen is offering "to go" meals and requires fewer volunteers than it did previously. Here's what they need from St. James:

- 2 people to prep (9 am to 11 am)
- 2 people to serve (11 am to 12:30 pm.)

Each month, our pool of volunteers receives an email asking if they can volunteer. If you can help, you simply reply with the number of people and the desired shift. No long-term commitment and no need to arrange for a sub if you can't work.

To be added to the list of volunteers, please contact Corinne Buterbaugh ([corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)).



## Want to deliver some Joy?

Altar Flowers are arranged by Margie Amberge immediately following the Sunday 10:45 a.m. service. These arrangements are to be delivered to people in our congregation. Many of these individuals are homebound, ill, or just in need of a beautiful reminder someone cares.

Please let Margie or Nancy Graham ([nancy@stjameskan.org](mailto:nancy@stjameskan.org)) know if you would like to be a part of our delivery team. Sundays are the best delivery days but we are very flexible on timing.



## Looking for a few good men and women!

Each week, our Altar Guild members prepare the altar for Sunday services. This involves setting the altar and credence table, filling candles with liquid wax, and other behind-the-scenes but **VERY IMPORTANT** tasks.

Although traditionally the domain of women, St. James Altar Guild warmly welcomes men, teens, and women.



Team members generally serve on Saturday mornings (once a month – for 30 to 45 minutes) and one Sunday morning a month – before or after the service they normally attend. Total time commitment is no more than 90 minutes a month.

Each team is responsible for one weekend a month. We are **FLEXIBLE**. Some members work or have other commitments on Saturday and can only help on Sunday. Although "altar stuff" has a mysterious aura around it, serving on altar guild is pretty simple and very rewarding. You will be trained and never work alone– teamwork is the name of the game on Altar Guild!

To learn more, contact Corinne Buterbaugh (315-685-0859 or [corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:corinnebuterbaugh@gmail.com)).





## “Messiah Sing!” On Nov 13 at St. James’ at 4 p.m. with the MasterWorks Chorale

The MasterWorks Chorale of CNY under the direction of Kip Coerper, ChM., will sing Part I (the Christmas portion) of Handel’s “Messiah” on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4 pm at St. James’. This hour length concert will feature soloists, organ, violin, and trumpet. There

is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Interested singers can join on the choruses. Contact [kipcoerper@gmail.com](mailto:kipcoerper@gmail.com), if interested. There will be one rehearsal to be held on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 - 8 pm at St. James’.

### SKANEATELES FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

In the last month, the number of families that we are feeding has doubled! We have several large families and 6 children in diapers. Please donate. **Here is our list of most needed items:**

- Diapers mainly sizes 2-6 & unscented baby wipes
- 64 oz bottles of 100% juice
- cereal
- spaghetti sauce
- canned pineapple & canned peaches
- applesauce
- canned black beans
- laundry detergent
- shampoo
- liquid hand soap
- toothpaste
- tooth brushes

All other donations welcome! THANK YOU FOR GENEROSITY!

\*monetary donations are much appreciated and allow us to buy freezer and refrigerator items, including produce.

Donations can be made out to: Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry  
PO Box 901 Skaneateles, NY 13152  
315-685-5048. [skanpantry@gmail.com](mailto:skanpantry@gmail.com)

## Lakeside T-Shirts Available!

As a way to celebrate the St. James’ Skaneateles summer Lakeside Worship, lake blue t-shirts were created! These t-shirts cost \$20 for all sizes except 2XL and above those are \$24. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact Laura Posecznick on Sunday, at the Parish Office 315.685.7600 or via email at [laura@stjameskan.org](mailto:laura@stjameskan.org). If you purchase by check, please write t-shirt in the memo. There is a current batch of Lakeside t-shirts but more can be ordered if your size runs out. These will make super Christmas Gifts!



## Updates from Sri Lanka and John Buterbaugh of Young Adult Service Corps

St. James’ own John Buterbaugh has been working hard in Sri Lanka and actively participating in amazing history. Sri Lanka has been going through political turmoil and unrest creating a historic time to be in the country. Recently all Episcopal Bishops participated in the Lambeth Conference 2022. Lambeth Conferences are the primary means of joint consultation for Anglican



This is a picture of Bishop DeDe with Bishop Dushy (from Sri Lanka) and his wife at the Lambeth Conference.

leaders on internal Anglican matters, relations with other churches and religions, and theological, social, and international questions. They also have been used by bishops to discuss matters of Anglican unity and identity. John Buterbaugh was tasked to assist Bishop of Colombo with social media during Lambeth convention. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/bishopofcolombococ>. John actively blogs his day to day experiences in Sri Lanka which can be found on <https://yascinsrilanka.wordpress.com/>. This blog is highly recommended as the contents are extremely interesting and educational complete with images. Viewing the blog helps John feel the love and support of his St. James’ Family.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the Lambeth Conference



**Dive Deeper Adult Bible Study Every Tuesday at 10:30 am** on zoom with Rev. Chuck Stewart. This study is back to their normal full schedule. This dynamic and diverse group discuss the upcoming Sunday readings in depth. All are encouraged to participate weekly or when your schedule fits. Exploring the Word of God with others can bring a new appreciation and understanding of the importance of scripture. There is no better way to prepare for Sunday worship. If you would like to participate, please email Rev. Chuck Stewart at [cnstewartsyr@gmail.com](mailto:cnstewartsyr@gmail.com).

## Mark Your Calendars – October is Month of Community Service

The Outreach team would like to thank the congregation again for the successful Spring Outreach. We were amazed and humbled by the generosity of our church family's donations of items and time to support our community.

The Outreach team is now preparing for the fall Month of Community Service this October. Watch for online sign up located on [StJamesSkan.org](http://StJamesSkan.org) which will be available starting October first. The Drop Off day for donations will be October 22nd in the church 10 am to 12 pm. The Month of Community Service will feature serving local charities and parishioners in need with the flexibility of serving anytime within the month.

If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office where we can connect you with cochairs Beth Quattrociocci and Chris Davis.

## Want to Serve?

The Get Involved Ministry Guide located at the welcome tables hold pages full of areas you can serve.

Volunteers are the backbone to many programs and ministries supported at St. James'. Whatever your interest or time available, there is something available to do. If you would like to explore ministries within these pages or something else, please contact Laura Posecznick, Director of Congregational Ministries.

## Wednesday Evening Prayer Begins In-Person on September 21

Due to the Covid pandemic, this intimate worship service went online only. The time has come. The weekly Wednesday Evening Prayer Worship at 6pm will go in-person on September 21st. This service will remain live-streamed as well. All are welcome to join this meaningful midweek service In-Person or Online to receive the healing and peaceful energy of Christ.

## Bring Faces of Loved Ones to St. James' for All Saints Sunday

*"To love one another person is to see the face of God."*

-Les Miserables

This All Saints Sunday (November 6th), St. James' would like to honor those we no longer see by bringing their faces into the Nave. Please bring your framed pictures of loved ones who have departed this life to St. James' by October 30th. There will be a table located outside the Parish Hall for you to label your photo on the back and drop off for the Altar Guild to use on Nov. 6th. Your loved ones will be carefully placed in the Nave for All Saints worship.

If you are more comfortable, you can bring your photo in and hold it with you during service. The goal is to have a sea of loving faces surrounding everyone during worship. All are welcome to this worship. This specific service is a wonderful one to invite a neighbor. Everyone has experienced loss. Please extend an invitation to anyone in the community to bring in their photos and share in this meaningful service.

**Any questions, please contact Bill Buterbaugh at [wrbuterbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:wrbuterbaugh@gmail.com).**

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## St. James' Thrift Shop Seeking Donations & Volunteers

Ever visited the St. James' Thrift Shop? It is a gem located in the middle of downtown Skaneateles. This small yet mighty shop runs year round taking in donations from the community and selling them at fantastic prices to raise money for local charitable ministries. Two things vital to the success of this institution are: donations (looking for fall clothes, jewelry, small household items and formal wear) and sign up to volunteer as a cashier. Volunteers have been making this Thrift Shop run for over 50 years.

If you want to learn more about how to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, contact Barb Burton at [rbburton@gmail.com](mailto:rbburton@gmail.com).

AND be sure to go shopping there first if you are looking for the best bargains for all ages!

## St. James' Thrift Shop Hours Donation Drop Off:

Monday & Tuesday 10 am–1pm

Retail Shop Hours: Wednesday–Saturday  
10 am–4 pm



## Samaritan Center Looking for Volunteers for Meal Serving in September

Amy Rossi, the volunteer coordinator at the Samaritan Center (a community outreach and meal program in downtown Syracuse) has notified me that, if all goes according to plan, they will begin serving meals indoors again on September 12th. They are looking for volunteers. Potential volunteers can complete an application at [Samcenter.org](http://Samcenter.org).

## Prayers for St. James'

**Those who are sick and in need of prayer:** Mary Beth Grau, Rena Pasternak (sister of Nora Brown), David Avery (nephew of Jim & Nora Brown), Nicole Hyde, Erica Richards, Jim Lanning, Kathy Plouffe, Ed & Mary Kay Cole.

**Those expecting a baby:** Katie (daughter of Mary Beth and Pinky Grau)

**Those listed on our long-term prayer list:** Marie Bundy, Dick & Dot Pitman, Andy Finch (Kristina Abbott's uncle), Nick & Linda Rossi, Laura Bigness, Karen Jester, Kathy & Kurt Reilley, Jude Ker, Don Evans, Hannah Vrooman, Melinda & Pete Hawley & family, Michael Brown, Tacy Chantler (sister-in-law of Carrie), Roxanne Soprano, Margie Amberge, Jeff Havemeyer, Landon (grandson of Jean Beeles), Lori Andrews (friend of Joan Johnson), Cathy Valentine, Sammy Birchenough, Karen & Dave Price, Adrian Coker (nephew of Michael & Danielle Larkin), Olson-Bang Family, Kirsten Juhl (daughter of Nancy & Jim Corl), Sandy Fillingham, Barbara Coyne (sister of Nancy Lee), Mary O'Neill, Marsha Johnson & Tom Robertson, Corinne Buterbaugh, Travis & Steph Blum, Darwin Parker, Mary Scott, Gar Smith, Joyce Berry, Mimi Bryan, Bob Doolittle, Mary Beth Grau, Lisa Mitchel (friend of Nancy Harris), David Ball (friend of Nancy Harris), David George, Ella (friend of Ingrid McCurdy), Noelle (daughter of Ingrid McCurdy), Linda Morse, Danae Hidy, Alberto Fry, Ann Bestor (mother of Donna McNerney), Cheryl & Bob Ripley, Bettye Robbins, Henry McMahan (Jane Gilly's brother), Loretta Newman, Doris Buss, Belva Morton (mother of Kathy Ingianni), David Bates, Helen Dayal, Scholl family, Patrick & Jonathan Arliss, Patrick & Jean (siblings of Marie Hughes), Jason Weston (son of Susan Gibides), Abbi Bennett (granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Corl), Ann Merrill, Ginny Pfau, Gwen Birchenough, Sharon & Pat Gannon, Jenifer Carson (niece of Linda Lavery).

**We bless the holy name for all the servants departed this life:** James O'Neill, Rena Pasternak, Delores (sister of Laverne Doctor), Barbara Wise, Harold (Hal) Mumford (brother -in-law of Barb Carmody), Julia Clark, Jean Westlake (grandmother of Judy Reilley's children), Paul Buterbaugh, Pat King, Patty Orr's Uncle Bill.

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

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

Birthday List Announcement, please contact Rev. Becky Coerper at [Becky@stjameskan.org](mailto:Becky@stjameskan.org).

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

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

## Parish Transitions

### Weddings

February 26: Cassie Hanley and Nick Razzi

May 14: Martha Hamlin and Ben Fennell

May 28: Carley Bright and Chris Gause

### Baptisms

August 7: Josephine Anne Smith daughter of Chris and Erin Smith

August 14: Bowie Adare Murray daughter of Meghan McNerney and Andrew Murray

## PRAYER FOR HEALING AND HOPE

Merciful Jesus, you are my guide, the joy of my heart, the author of my hope, and the object of my love. I come seeking refreshment and peace. Show me your mercy, relieve my fears and anxieties, and grant me a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence I may learn to abide in you, who is my Lord and my God. Amen.

## Stephen Ministers Offer Personal Prayer at Worship

During communion on Sunday Worship, look for prayer stations either in the front of the church during when inside the Nave or lakeside and near the bell tower during lakeside worship. Trained Stephen Ministers who are also St. James' parishioners will listen to your prayer needs and offer supportive, loving prayer. Prayer builds our relationship with God and offers a tangible option to challenges weighing on your heart.

## Stephen Minister Mini Training Offered this October

A mini pastoral care training class will happen (given enough interest) this fall at St. James'. The 4 sessions will be based on the Stephen Ministry book, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. More information will be in the weekly's before the class starts in October. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Graham ([nancygraham4@gmail.com](mailto:nancygraham4@gmail.com)).

The St. James' Pastoral Team offers love and support to a large number parishioners and is always looking for more people to join the team. If you would be interested in the full Stephen Minister Class that can be offered as a hybrid model, please contact the Parish Office (315.685.7600) or Nancy Graham at [nancygraham4@gmail.com](mailto:nancygraham4@gmail.com).

# Weekly Worship Schedule

## Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Traditional Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist Rite II with Organ & Choir
- 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist with Worship Band

## Monday

Rectors Day Off

## Tuesday

- 7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer (Zoom)
- 10:30 a.m. Dive Deeper Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

## Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Worship Online (Facebook/StJamesSkaneateles)
- 6:30 p.m. Virtual Healing Prayer (Zoom)

## Thursday

5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Zoom)

## Friday

7:45 a.m. Centering Prayer (Zoom)

## 2021/2022 St. James' Vestry Wardens

Bill Spalding (2021-2023)  
Susanne Rynkiewicz (2022-2024)

## Vestry Members

Amy Allyn (2021-2024)  
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Michael Brown (2022-2025)  
Barbara Burton (2021-2024)  
Nancy Corl (2021-2024)  
Megan Glass (2022-2023)  
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## Welcome to St. James'!

*St. James' is a vibrant, open, joyful, fun-loving community of faith. We are intentional about growing in relationship with God and one another, about caring for the earth God created, and about serving the needs of the world God loves. Whether you are passing through the area, in town for a while, or looking for a spiritual home, we are delighted to welcome you.*

*May God Bless You,*

**Becky Coerper**

**St. James' Senior Pastor**

**"IF IT'S NOT  
ABOUT LOVE,  
IT'S NOT  
ABOUT GOD!"**

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry  
The Episcopal Church



## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8am-1pm

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