

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
405 EAST MAIN STREET  
BATAVIA, NEW YORK

NEWSLETTER — MAY 2017

My dear friends,



*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil,  
hold fast to what is good;  
love one another with mutual affection;  
outdo one another in showing honor.  
Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,  
persevere in prayer.  
Contribute to the needs of the saints;  
extend hospitality to strangers.  
Bless those who persecute you;  
bless and do not curse them.  
Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep.  
Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty,  
but associate with the lowly.*

On May 31st, the church celebrates the “Visitation of Mary”, when the mother of Jesus, after hearing that she will give birth to the Son of God, travels to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who, though well beyond child-bearing years is pregnant with John the Baptist. We hear this story during Advent, but I believe that it is an Easter story as well. It describes what could be seen as the first Christian community to gather in worship, wonder, and mutual support. The two women shared their amazement and perhaps apprehensions as together they glorified God. This is the essence of Christian community.

The Epistle for this day is Romans 12:9-16b (shown above). In this letter to the church in Rome, Paul is encouraging the new Christians and exhorting them to live in love and to support each other. It’s not always easy to live up to our Christian standard. And some days, it seems down-right impossible. Paul knew that the new Christians would need help, encouragement and support—just as we all do. First or 21st century—it is still the same. Our most important job is not only to spread the Good News, but also to help people sustain in their faith. Our Christian community is a wonderful thing—a gift of love, power and sustaining help. In this Easter season, remember Paul’s words of encouragement. Remember to let your light shine to others!

Your sister in Christ,

Mother Bonnie+

## DIAKONIA MUSINGS

Remember going to Sunday School every week as a child and loving it? Your parents might have gone to church or maybe they just dropped you off and went back home. You may have gone into church half way through the service or maybe you only sat in the pew on the days that they had communion and you were mad because it took so long. Back in the day, parents felt it was important to get a Christian education at Church. I think part of the reason was that they themselves did not know how to talk about God and they didn't feel competent enough to engage in that conversation with their children. Yet your parents knew it was important for your spiritual growth.

Christian education is more than Sunday school for our children and it doesn't end with confirmation. The Episcopal Church has not always been the best at providing resources for our adults after confirmation. You at St. James are blessed with a full time priest that will offer some sort of study for you. So many congregations that have part time or supply clergy do not have that privilege. Some of you are taking advantage of the "after church study" and others are part of the "Wednesday group". Good for you.

I am going to suggest another opportunity of study to you that is being offered throughout the deanery. The course of study is called Education for Ministry and it is designed for the LAITY of the church by the University of the South Theological Seminary in Sewanee, Tennessee.

There are four different years of study that can be taken and they must go in order, but not in four years if you choose to take longer. For example, if life gets in the way, you can take a year or two off and come back and pick up where you left off.

Year one is all Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), year Two is New Testament, year Three is Church History, and year Four is about living with neighbors in a multicultural, multi religious world. The classes meet for two hours, once a week from September through the end of May. There is reading to do in preparation for the discussion during class, but no tests or grades. It usually takes a few hours to read the homework. There is a cost for the class that covers the books and paperwork from the college as well as a small stipend for the facilitators.

The wonderful thing about EFM is that no matter where you are in the world, ( yes people abroad study this also) you study what others are studying. The curriculum is designed so that there is a common theme for each day. Sometimes the conversation can revolve around that one theme and have everyone contribute and other times it can be divided into separate conversations according to the readings assigned for the year of study.

One of my favorite components of the class is to do theological reflections or TR's. We take what we read, discuss and discern how it relates to our lives as people in relationship with God as well as individual Christians. Then we decide what we will do individually in response. We also have a time of sharing, prayer and snacks each week.

If you are interested in an in-depth look at who we are as people of God and how we got to this place historically, this course is for you. It will shake up what you think and question what you have been told, make you look at life through a different lens, and challenge you from the inside out. You will form trusting bonds with your classmates, and you will say that EFM was one of the best experiences you had in your Christian walk.

Classes will start in September, but paper work has to be in by the end of July, so let Deacon Diana know if you are interested. We need 6 or more people to hold a class and we can host it here at St. James on a day or evening that works for the group.

For anyone interested in Healing ministry, I can arrange a training to become part of the Order of St. Lukes (OSL). With a church the size of St. James, it would be wonderful to have a healing team of people that could work together. If you have felt the Holy Spirit tugging at your heart or whispering in your ear, please listen. Don't let fear hold you back. You will learn how to approach this ministry with humility love, and a servant's heart. Let me know.

Deacon Di

## WARDENS' REPORT

Easter has passed and May is here- although it feels more like March. What this does mean is the outdoor work around the grounds may be delayed a bit. But let's not lose faith, seasonal weather will come sooner or later. Thanks to Lilo our flower beds are looking good, especially in the front planter along the street.

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is the United Way Day of Caring. St. James may get some additional volunteers, allowing us to get even more accomplished than planned. They will be working both indoors and out to make St. James look even better. If anyone from the congregation would like to help out, even for a short while, please stop by. We will especially need help going through the items in the upstairs rooms determining what needs to be saved, disposed of etc. (We also will need boxes for storage.)

The bathrooms on the stair landing are beginning to take shape, thanks to Dawn Mark and her helpers. Floors and fixtures are next as soon as bids are received. Some of the fixtures will be made possible due to a generous donation to the effort.

You may have noticed at services that the Mother Bonnie's microphone is still not working up to par. Soon new mics will be in place along with new amps and a mixer. The cost of the whole project is being provided by a parishioner.

(Please take note that this report from now on will reflect both the Senior and Junior Wardens' thoughts etc.)

Jim and Russ

### APRIL 2017 VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mother Bonnie said that Holy Week and Easter were awesome.. There were 142 people at the Easter Sunday service. Mother Bonnie especially thanked Kathy **Belluscio** who with the rest of the Altar Guild worked very hard to prepare for all the services and to make the church beautiful. She also thanked the choir. Many people are staying for healing at the Chantry Altar. On the Sundays that Deacon Diana preaches, Mother Bonnie will lead the prayers for healing at the Chantry Altar.
- May 17th will mark the **United Way Day of Caring**. This year volunteers will be cleaning and sorting out the two classrooms and storeroom upstairs as well as painting. They may also be able to do yard work and help in the gardens ECW provides lunch. Parishioners are also invited to work that day.
- Russ Dvoroznak reported that the glass doors by the Columbarium are not working correctly. Russ will put a list of the work done by the **Maintenance Committee** in the May newsletter.
- In the **Fish Fry Report**, Mother Bonnie said that 293 dinners were delivered to the community and thanked the drivers for providing that service. \$1379 was raised in tips.
- In the **Treasurer's Report**, Peter Mark stated that we are currently on track with the budget and are actually a little ahead. We have finished the first quarter without having to make a withdrawal from the Endowment Fund.
- There was a discussion of the roles of the Property Committee, the Maintenance Team, and the Adopt-a-Project program. There will be further discussion next month.
- The vestry approved an anonymous donor's offer to fund entirely a new sound system for the church. Another donor offered to pay for 25% of a portable system that could be used in the Parish Hall.
- In her Easter letter, Mother Bonnie asked that the Easter special offering be designated for new acolyte robes. The offering amounted to \$2988 which allows her to consider buying robes for the Eucharistic Ministers also. She would like both the acolytes and the Eucharistic ministers to wear white albs. She also wants new choir robes. Mother Bonnie said she would work with the choir when it is time to order new robes.
- **Head Start** would like to use the Parish Hall for a meeting and dessert with the parents of the children being served.

- Mother Bonnie was asked about having a **Worship Committee**. She said this is something she is still thinking about. She feels outreach, membership, and congregational care are her current priorities. She said she is always willing to sit down and listen to ideas.
- There is a possibility of starting the study “**Education for Ministry**” which is a 4 year program from the University of the South. The program runs from September until May at a cost of \$300.00. Deacon Diana is a mentor. We could form a class at St. James. Anyone in the community could attend.
- The Deanery parishes interested in doing a “gifts discernment” program.  
Cathy Judkins, Clerk of the Vestry

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

<b>Bonnie Smith 5/1</b>	<b>5/6 Jenna Essig</b>	<b>Kevin DeMars 5/7</b>
<b>Diane Cox 5/12</b>	<b>Hannah Rosenbeck 5/17</b>	<b>Shirley Anthony 5/19</b>
<b>Alieda Blossom 5/21</b>	<b>Jim Ellison 5/25</b>	<b>Chip McGuire 5/27</b>



**THE LOST AND FOUND BASKET**

Located on the shelf at the rear of the church is the basket where items found in the nave or hallways have been put. It has collected gloves, scarves, eye glasses and more. Please take a minute to check out the contents and perhaps that item you have been missing landed there over the winter months. The items left after today will be relocated.

**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

On Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> **Nichole Essig** received recognition from the University of Niagara. She received the Leader of the Year award. The award is given to the individual who has shown outstanding leadership abilities and the award ranks as the highest recognition given to a single student. Earlier in the day Nichole was inducted into the Honor Society in the School of Psychology. We are very proud of Nichole, how she has done so well as a student and continued to be a part of our parish life!

**Mike and Debbie Barone** would like to share the good news that their daughter Kristina Amber Barone was married to Christopher James Feldman on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We wish God’s many blessings upon their marriage.

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you willing to help provide coffee hour set up and a snack from time to time following our Sunday service? In order to continue to have the refreshments and social time we need more volunteers. Complete instructions are printed out and affixed to the counter, so you would have directions to set up. Please call the office if you can help

**SPRING IS HERE, BUT WINTER IS COMING AGAIN!**

**Now is a terrific time to purchase winter items for the needy.** If you are out shopping you may have noticed that the wintery hats, mittens, and scarves are marked down; some at a considerable discount. If you would like to pick something up and bring it into church, we can store them until needed next winter. There is a need for men’s, women’s, and children’s winter wear. Several local agencies distribute them to those in need. If any questions, contact Jo-Ann Bestine.

**THRIFT STORE**

We are open every Thursday, but to do that we need people to volunteer. Men can volunteer also. People are needed for two shifts on Thursdays, 9 am- 12 noon and from 12 noon to 2 pm. Also people are needed for set-up. Usually set-up is on a Tuesday afternoon. Can’t you give us just a couple of hours of your time? **Cleaning House? Don’t forget the Thrift Store:** clothing, housewares, books, toys, linens—all are gratefully accepted!

**ST. JAMES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS**

The forms for the Academic Year of 2017-18 are available in the office. They are due by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### FROM THE DIOCESE

#### **August 13-16 - Sleep Away Camp**

Sleep Away camp will be returning this August for children between the ages of 8 and 12. The camp will be held Sunday August 13 to Wednesday August 16 at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp in Bemus Point. Campers will have the opportunities to canoe, swim, do an adventure rope course, play gaga ball, sing, do arts and crafts, worship, and learn more about God! The cost per camper is \$160. To register, please print and send in the Sleep Away Camp Application with a \$50 deposit.



We are also looking for high school aged youth and young adults that would like to serve as Junior Counselors for the camp, and for men over the age of 21 that would like to serve as Senior Counselors for the camp. Please contact Wendy at [wschumacher@episcopalwny.org](mailto:wschumacher@episcopalwny.org) or (716) 830-5443 if you are interested.

### FROM THE COMMUNITY

**The Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Gala** will be held on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a to 1p at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee Co., 420 East Main Street, Batavia.

- Plant Sale @ 10:00a – Perennials, Houseplants and Geraniums will be available.
- Container Gardening Demo @11:30 a
- Copper Hummingbird Feeder Demo @ noon
- Basket Chance Auction – Drawing at 12:30 p
- Free soil pH testing

For more information call 343-3040 ext. 101 or visit: [genesee.cce.cornell.edu/gardening](http://genesee.cce.cornell.edu/gardening).

#### **The Genesee Chorale & the Brighton Symphony Orchestra**

Presents Dan Forrest's REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Grace Baptist Church, 238 Vine Street, Batavia. \$8 presale tickets, \$10 at the door.

### RECIPE CORNER

#### **Fish Fry Coleslaw**

Get Larry to shred 5 heads of cabbage and 2 pounds of carrots. Pack in two big pans and refrigerate till ready to dress. When ready, do one pan at a time. Put some cabbage/carrot mixture in a large bowl so you have room to toss it all.

Season generously with salt, pepper and sugar, then sprinkle with cider vinegar. Toss completely using gloved hands because a spoon just isn't strong enough! You will need to change gloves often. This will be messy. Using about ½ a gallon of good mayonnaise, not salad dressing, incorporate it a cup or so at a time until moist but not "juicy." Repeat with the cabbage mixture in the large bowl, then repeat with second pan, again putting part of it in a large bowl. Have Wayne taste it to see if you need to adjust seasoning!

Oh, you don't need Coleslaw for 300?....Try these proportions for 5-6 servings

10oz. package of slaw mix

¼ C. grated carrots(adjust to taste)

½ tsp. salt(adjust to taste)

¼ tsp. pepper(adjust to taste)

2 tsp. Sugar (adjust to taste)

2 T cider vinegar

½ C. mayonnaise

Use same procedure but you can use a spoon and do it all in one bowl!

**SERVICE PARTICIPANT CALENDAR FOR MAY 2017**  
 Also found on the website: [www.stjamesbatavia.org](http://www.stjamesbatavia.org)

	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>EM 1</b>	Jack Kershner	Cathy Judkins	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jo-Ann Bestine	Jeff Gray
<b>EM 2</b>	Jo-Ann Bestine	Theresa DeMars	Barb Gray	Russ Dvoroznak	Jack Kershner
<b>EM Chantry</b>	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Carol Queal	Diane Cox	Cathy Judkins	Carol Queal
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Keith Price	Jeff Gray	Joan Ellison	Jim Neider	Jack Kershner
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Wayne Judkins	Liz Findlay	Diane Cox	Lilo Townsend	Theresa DeMars
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Jack Kershner	Joan Ellison	Steve Hawley	Liz Findlay	Rose Rumery
<b>Acolytes</b>	Keith Price Alieda Blossom	Scott Essig Judy Essig	Jaykob Belluscio Alieda Blossom	Diane Cox Keith Price	Jaykob Belluscio Diane Cox
<b>Ushers</b>	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry Don Fox	Russ Dvoroznak Larry Belluscio	Glenn Hammond Dean Perry	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend	Glenn Hammond Russ Dvoroznak	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Peg & Al Abrams	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Jolene & Dick Folger	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Donna Kauffman Rich Geitner	Carol Queal Don Fox	Karen & Harold Odell
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jolene Folger	Kathy Belluscio		Diane Cox Barb Pierce	
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Cathy Judkins	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend	Dean Perry	Karen & Harold Odell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin Rich Geitner	Donna Kauffman Joanne Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio

## St. James Calendar

Sun May 7	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal.
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
Mon May 8	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue May 9	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vestry Reports Due
	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Gen. Co. Nursing Home
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	ECW Meeting
	7:30pm – 9:00pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed May 10	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Rupprecht Board Meeting - Guild Room
Thu May 11	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun May 14	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
Mon May 15	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue May 16	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed May 17	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
Thu May 18	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun May 21	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
	12:30pm – 2:00pm	Bread Baking and Communion
Mon May 22	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue May 23	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Deanery Council - St Paul's, Stafford
Wed May 24	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	SAA Meeting - Music Room
Thu May 25	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Wardens/Treasurers Meeting



**St. James Episcopal Church**

405 East Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Weekday Services**

**Wednesday, 11 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

**The Second Tuesday of the Month, 2:30 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist at the Genesee County Nursing Home,  
278 Bank Street, in the Mall Walk

**The Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10:45 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist at  
The Manor House, 427 East Main Street, in the Grand Parlor

***Everyone is Welcome!***

The Rev. Bonnie F. Morris, Rector  
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The Rev. Deacon Diana Leiker, dllart@aol.com

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Diane Cox, Bonnie Dvoroznak, Dorian Ely, Ron Fancher,  
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