

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

NEWSLETTER— APRIL 2017

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday is a journey of transformation. We start with palms and shouts of “Hosanna.” This Hebrew word was an expression of joy and praise for deliverance that was anticipated or already granted—it shows the certainty of the expected result.



In our service, we, like the people who greeted Jesus with palms and coats strewn over the road, are expecting something wonderful. Then, our service moves quickly from joyous expectation to the passion and death of Jesus. Our palms of anticipation are folded over—they are transformed into the cross of Good Friday. Palm Sunday is an emotional ride that may often reflect the reality of our lives. Our happiness may quickly and unexpectedly be eclipsed by doubt, tragedy, or grief. We move from joy to sorrow.

As we venture through Holy Week, we know that Good Friday—crucifixion, death—is not the end of the story. We already know our Easter reality. We know that Christ is risen; we know that death is conquered. As we move from Good Friday to Easter a second joyful and permanent transformation takes place. The rough, splintery wood of the cross is changed into beauty. Easter lilies, joyful music and alleluias replace the solemn darkness of Good Friday.

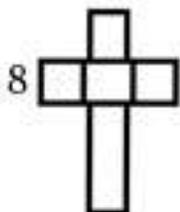
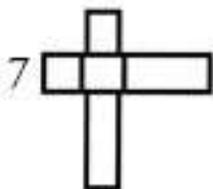
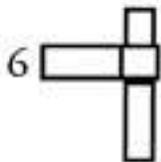
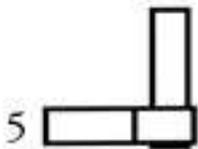
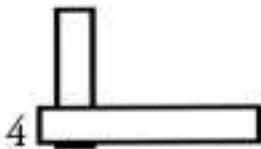
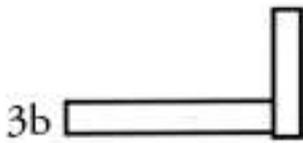
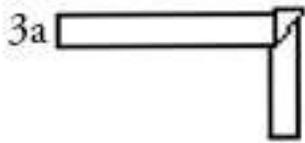
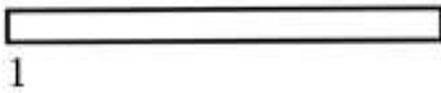
Our hearts must reflect that same anticipation, that certain knowledge of joy, no matter what our present circumstances. In our dark hours we know that God is with us. In our sorrow we know that we are beloved. In our frailty and brokenness we know that we are forgiven.

When we experience the Good Friday of our lives, we must and do live in the hope and expectation of Easter joy. Just as Sunday surely follows Friday and Saturday, joy and reconciliation follow doubt and despair.

Your sister in Christ,

Mother Bonnie+

HOW TO MAKE PALM CROSSES



A palm frond about 1/4" wide and 13" long will make an average size cross.

1. Hold the frond horizontally

2. Bend the right end straight up from the center to form a right angle.

3. Fold this same top strip, from the center, (a) back and down, (b) up and over again, to form a square at the back. It will still be a right angle at this point.

4. Bring the left strip forward and fold over the center towards the right.

5. Fold away from you and pull through the square at back, all the way.

6. Bend the top strip forward and put the end through the center square to make a shaft of desired length.

7. Fold left hand strip backwards and put through the back square. This makes the left crossbar and should be in proportion to the shaft.

8. Fold the right strip back, put through the back square and fasten.

by Barbara Parks

National Altar Guild Association

<http://www.nationalaltarguildassociation.org>

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON DIANA
DIAKONIA MUSINGS

I have just completed my second month at St. James and can say that I have been welcomed with open arms by this wonderful congregation. Thank you for your hospitality.

I have learned how to dance my part in the well-choreographed Sunday morning service, how to use a microphone like a pop singer while juggling my glasses and the Gospel book, and how to become part of the well-oiled machine called "fish fries". I am still learning to walk and sing at the same time and to remember the names of so many people. As an educator, I have always considered myself a lifelong learner and it may take me that long to learn all your names!

So, I am a deacon and you have watched me during the ten o'clock service, but you may not understand what I am supposed to do and why the things I do are different from a lay person or a priest. Think of a Deacon as a person that straddles or bridges the clergy and the laity. We are part of both camps.

When I took my vows in December, I was reminded that I was called into servanthood, particularly taking care of the weak, poor, sick and lonely. Deacons serve directly under the Bishop and are sent to churches by the bishop to assist a priest and serve a congregation.

I am to Proclaim God's Word (read the gospel) and to assist the priest in the ministration of the holy sacraments. I am also to study the scriptures for nourishment and teach about the love of Christ. These are the duties I perform as I assist the priest. My duty to the laity is to recognize the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world and bring them to the attention of the people inside the church.

Once needs are discovered and brought to the congregation, the people discern what, if anything, they would like to do in response to the needs. I will assist in organizing new ministries and outreach opportunities and as a group, we will raise up lay leaders that will lead and continue the ministries. I am not called to push my ministry ideas on you, but to encourage a Christian response that defines *your* congregation, in *your* community, using *your* own gifts.

During the Easter Vigil, we will all renew our baptismal vows and promise to seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbor as ourselves. We will also promise to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. We will be reminding ourselves of our purpose as members of this wonderful, big family of God called the Church.

I look forward to working with all of you as St. James continues to be a light in the world.

To His glory,
Deacon Diana

"Diakonia" is the Greek word for "Deacon"

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

You may not have noticed, but the damage done by last month's wind storm on the high west roof of the Nave has been repaired. Thanks to Ron and his crew from Security Roofing for repairing it in a timely fashion saving possible additional damage. Our tree damage has also been cleaned up for the most part. Thanks to Dave L. and anyone else who helped with the cleanup.

You may have noticed that our sound system is not working all that well. We are working through the Property Committee to get the system fixed or replaced as soon as possible. It takes some time to send out specs, get estimates back etc. So please be patient. Soon we will be able to fully hear Mother Bonnie's inspirational words more clearly - we promise. In addition, we are seeking bids to reroof the barn over by the east parking lot. It needs work desperately.

Lastly, May 17th is the United Way Day of Caring. This year we will be cleaning and cleaning out the three rooms upstairs. We will need some parishioners to identify what should be saved, thrown out etc. beforehand. Also we will need medium sized boxes to store stuff. See me for details.

Jim Neider, Senior Warden



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

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

David King 4/1

Jolene Folger 4/16

Joanne Lega 4/27

Wayne Townsend 4/29

SEASON OF LENT BIBLE STUDY – THE LAST ONE OF THE SEASON

We will have the last Lenten bible study after our Wednesday 11 a.m. service. Discussion will start at noon and end by 1 pm. Bring a favorite bible if you like, bring a friend, or just bring yourself.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

LENTEN FISH FRIES – LAST ONE OF THE SEASON

We are still staffing the many positions needed to make everything run smoothly. Carol Queal and Theresa DeMars are coordinating the wait staff and bussers; Jim Ellison and Wayne Judkins are finding staff for the rest of the positions. We need your help.

THANKSGIVING IN MAY

This year we will be celebrating on Saturday, May 6th, from 5:30 until 7:30. The freezer is full of donated turkeys and we're ready to go. This annual event provides an excellent opportunity to bring along friends and family members who don't usually attend Saint James. No tickets, no charge. In order to make this a successful event I need your help with the following -

- People to help in the kitchen all day Friday, May 5th
- People to help with finishing touches the afternoon of Saturday, May 6th
- Pie makers needed. Any kind you'd like to bring. Already made crusts are just fine.
- To the best of your ability, give me a number of people who will be coming by April 30th.

Save the Date! It wouldn't be Thanksgiving dinner without you! Jo-Ann --409-0031

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you willing to help out in our nursery from time to time during our Sunday service?
Please call the office if you can help.

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? 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

for Academic Year of 2017-18 are available in the office now. They are due by May 1st.

FROM THE DIOCESE

DISCOVER SUNDAYS 2016-2017

May 7, 2017 The Perils of Plastic

Dr. Sherri Mason, Professor at SUNY Fredonia, will present the latest information about fresh water plastic pollution. The study of plastic pollution started in the world's oceans. Dr. Mason and her team conducted the first-ever survey for plastic pollution within the open water of the Great

Lakes. She will present the results from these studies as well as impacts upon fish, birds and other wildlife. She will offer suggestions on simple ways we can help to lessen the problem. A reception will follow the program. Register at bit.ly/perilsofplastic

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Antique Appraisal Fair to benefit **St. John's Episcopal Church, Medina**. On Saturday, April 1st from 10 am to 4 pm Robin Stelmach, of Orleans County's largest antique shop and Mark Christopher, Orleans Co.'s largest gold & silver buyer, will be holding a one-day appraisal fair! Bring your heirlooms, art, old toys, coin collections, jewelry, military collectibles and fine antiques to understand the values in today's marketplace. For assigned times, call St. John's: 585-798-3219. Donation: \$6 per item or \$25 for five items. All proceeds go directly to St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 East Center Street, Medina, NY.

Ham Dinner on Sunday April 9th. **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**, 10675 Alleghany Rd., Darien Center will be hosting a HAM DINNER, served family style, from noon until sold out. The dinner will include: Ham, potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls/butter, beverage and dessert. Dine in or take out. Adults \$10.00 Children 5 to 10 yrs. \$3.00 Children under 5 free

Open House at Neighborhood Legal Services, Batavia Office. The open house will be on Wednesday, April 12th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Join us to celebrate our new office location at 45 Main St. Meet our staff, enjoy refreshments, and find out what services we have to offer. For more information contact 585-343-5450.

RECIPE CORNER

Decadent Peanut Butter Pie—a Favorite from our Famous Fish Fries!

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Creamy Peanut Butter plus 2 Tablespoons divided
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese softened
- ½ Cup sugar
- 1 (12oz) container frozen whipped topping thawed and divided
- 1 prepared chocolate pie crust
- 1 (11.75 oz.) Hot Fudge spoonable Ice Cream Topping, divided

Directions:

Beat together 1 cup peanut butter, cream cheese and sugar with electric beater until well combined. Gently mix in 3 cups of whipped topping until thoroughly combined. Spoon into pie crust; smooth mixture to edges of pie.

Reserve 2 Tablespoons of hot fudge topping in the corner of a resalable food storage bag.

Microwave the res for 1 min. Stir. Spread over entire surface of peanut butter layer.

Refrigerate until set. Spread remaining whipped topping (1¼ C) over fudge layer. Drizzle reserved topping over whipped topping. Keep refrigerated.

SERVICE PARTICIPANT CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2017

Also found on the website: www.stjamesbatavia.org

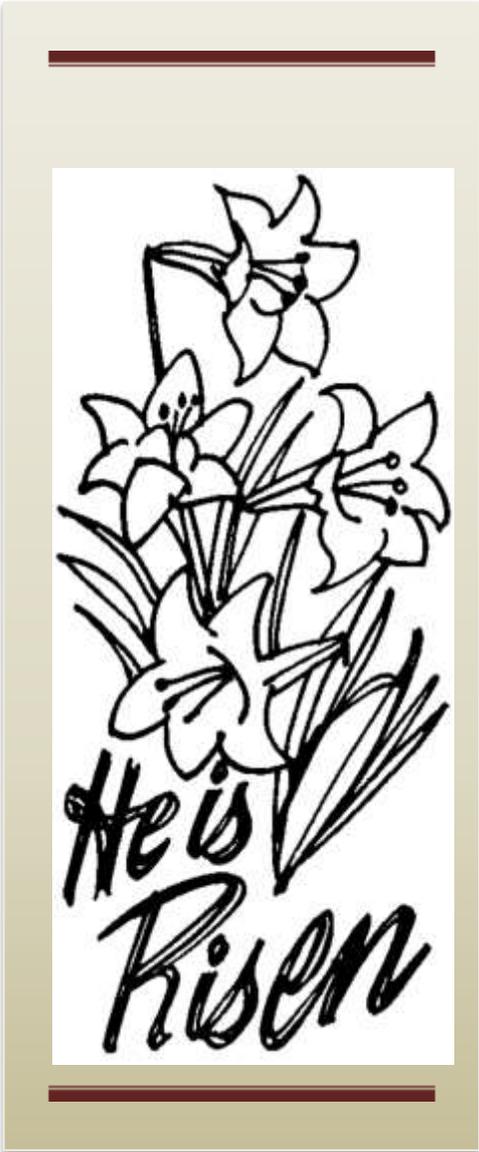
	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
EM 1	Russ Dvoroznak	Jo-Ann Bestine	Jack Kershner	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jeff Gray
EM 2	Barb Gray	Terry McGuire	Theresa DeMars	Russ Dvoroznak	Barb King
EM Chantry	Jeff Gray	Judy Essig	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jo-Ann Bestine	Barb Gray
1st Lesson	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins	Liz Findlay	Jim Neider	Terry McGuire
2nd Lesson	Barb King	Keith Price	Diane Cox	Lilo Townsend	Theresa DeMars
Prayers of the People	Terry McGuire	Steve Hawley	Jim Neider	Larry Belluscio	Chip McGuire
Acolytes	Jeff Tress	Diane Cox Alieda Blossom Jeff Tress Keith Price	Judy Essig Nichole Essig Jenna Essig Scott Essig	Jaycob Belluscio Alieda Blossom	Diane Cox Jeff Tress
Ushers	Peg & Alan Abrams	Chip McGuire Don Fox	Diane & Kevin Skelton	Betsy Dexheimer Dean Perry	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak
Greeters	W. Townsend Dean Perry	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Peg & Alan Abrams	Jo-Ann Bestine Wayne Townsend	Wayne Townsend Jeff Gray
Element Bearers	Jolene & Dick Folger	Karen & Harold Odell	D. Kauffman Carol Queal	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	D.Kauffman B.Dexheimer
Coffee Hour	Judy Essig	Terry McGuire	If there is a volunteer to host	Kathy Belluscio	Bonnie Dvoroznak
Altar Guild	D.Kauffman J. Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin Rich Geitner	D.Kauffman J.Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine

ST. JAMES CALENDAR, MARCH 2017

Sun Apr 2	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 Apr 3	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Apr 4	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Maintenance Team
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Property Committee
Wed Apr 5	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Thu Apr 6	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Deadline for Vestry Agenda Items
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
Fri Apr 7	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Fish Fry
Sun Apr 9	Palm Sunday	
Mon Apr 10	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
Tue Apr 11	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vestry Reports Due
Wed Apr 12	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Gen. Co. Nursing Home
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	ECW Meeting
	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Holy Eucharist Service of Healing
	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
Thu Apr 13	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Fri Apr 14	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Maundy Thursday H.E. & Striping of the Altar
	12:00pm – 3:00pm	Good Friday Devotions, Music and Silence
Sat Apr 15	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy at First Presbyterian Church
Sun Apr 16	Easter Day	Great Vigil of Easter
Sun Apr 16	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour (if we have a volunteer to host)

ST. JAMES CHURCH EASTER 2017

Contributions for Easter Flowers in honor of, or in memory of, our loved ones are now being accepted. If you are interested in making a contribution please fill out this form and attach it to your check. They may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to or dropped off at the church office. Names must be received before Monday, April 10th.



In memory/honor of:

Given by:



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!

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