

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

NEWSLETTER— AUGUST 2017



August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the few feasts that, when it falls on a Sunday, takes precedence over the normal observance of that Sunday. This year August 6<sup>th</sup> is the ninth Sunday after Pentecost and we would normally use the readings for Proper 13. However, the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, (always August 6<sup>th</sup>) falls on a Sunday this year, so we omit Proper 13 and celebrate the Transfiguration. (Clear as Mississippi mud? I thought so.) If you are interested in how our church year works, look in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 15 through 33. The creators of our lectionary, many people from different denominations, working over many years, have seen fit to make sure that we have a Sunday at least once per year in which the Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration. That Sunday is always the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday. In addition, Transfiguration also has its own fixed day, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

So, what's the point of all of this? Why is it so important to hear this story once, or every seven years, twice in a year?

**Transfiguration** refers to a visual change. Something *looks* different. Joy will transfigure your face into a smile. **Transformation** refers to a fundamental change in design, focus or purpose. Wheat is transformed into bread. In the Transfiguration, Jesus isn't changed, Peter, James and John are. We are changed. For just a moment, the veil of his humanity is lifted, and we see clearly the divine, the heavenly, the glorified, the eternal Jesus. It is always there, we just can't always see it. Jesus is divine AND Jesus is human. Our faith leads us to lives of BOTH/AND, and rarely leads us to choices of either/or. We are human AND we embody and divine spirit. We are mortal AND we are called to life eternal. We are totally dependent on God for life and salvation AND we are called to be the hands and feet of God in this world. God's love is an unearned, unmerited gift of love AND we are called to respond in that.

Jesus is transfigured, we can see his glory. We are transformed, we live in his glory.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Mother Bonnie+

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!**

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

**Liz Findlay 8/2 Aaron Belluscio 8/6**  
**Jenna Piazza 8/19 Mo. Bonnie Morris 8/20**  
**Mary Shuknecht 8/22 Dorian Ely 8/23**  
**Rich Geitner 8/23 Catie Chilano 8/29**



**Genesee Area Deanery Service and Picnic**

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**St. James Front Lawn**

**11 a.m.** Joint Holy Eucharist on St. James front lawn.

**Noon** Picnic

For the picnic—the deanery will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, rolls, drinks and condiments.

Please bring a dish to pass—a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert.

All of our Deanery churches are invited to attend.

This service will take the place of our normal 10 a.m. Sunday service.

**Senior Warden's Report**

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We are midway through the summer and why we all, hopefully, enjoy a little down time I want to give everyone a little heads up on some things that will need our attention once September arrives.

First of all what has been accomplished over the past month or so. The lease for the Rectory has been signed and is in place assuring our outside work will be done on a regular basis. A new agreement with the Genesee Chorale has been worked out for the coming year, pending Vestry action. The Rector's contract will be in place by September 1st after Vestry action. Our Audit Committee is in place and will begin work shortly. Finally, the flooring for the landing bathrooms has been selected and will be installed soon (a partial Adopt-a-Project).

Even with all this we still have much to work on post Labor Day. Perhaps the most important is the developing of the 2018 budget. The Budget Committee will be composed of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurers and Parish Administrator. In addition, representatives of the ECW, Altar Guild, Music, Christian Education,

Property Committee and the congregation will be included. This group will be in place by the beginning of next month. A timeline for their work will be announced in the September newsletter. Also, there are a couple of new or reworked Adopt-a-Projects which will be posted for review and hopefully funding.

Two additional items, one new, one old you should be aware of. First, we are looking into additional security for the "Turner" entrance. This will be to better monitor access to the office area, especially after hours. The second situation involves handicap access to the parish hall. This has been talked about for some time- but we have to take some action in the near future. Lack of access is becoming a more common problem lately and we really should do something in the near future.

Of course any input, ideas etc. on any of the above is always welcome. See Mother Bonnie, Russ or me.

Thanks, Jim Neider, Senior Warden

**Can you help?**  
**Adopt-a-Projects**  
**that need funding, time and labor**

**Landing Restrooms**

- Already Funded: New tall toilets
- Already Donated: Lots of labor and painting
- Needed: \$1,500. Funding for tearing out the old flooring of both bathrooms and the landing, installing new underlayment, new commercial grade inlaid flooring to all three areas
- Needed: Funding for purchase and installation of new sink fixtures (Cost TBD)

**Stair Lift into the Parish Hall**

- Needed: Funding to purchase a new or used stair lift to make our Parish Hall handicap accessible.

**Outside Black Metal Stairs and Landing outside of the kitchen door.**

- Needed: \$1,400. Funding for labor and materials. This should be done soon to prevent additional rust and deterioration. (We don't want them wind up as bad as the emergency stairs and landing.

**Parish Hall and Kitchen Doors**

- Needed: \$250. Funding to paint the doors, door jambs and inside trim.

**Nave Floor-Red Squares**

- Donated: labor to paint
- Needed: Funding for the paint. Stay tuned, as soon as we have measured the area and figured the cost of paint we will get that information out to you in the bulletin.

**New Floor Mats for Building Entrances**

- Needed: Funding for six 6-foot mats at \$80 each, an 8-foot mat at \$105 and a 12 foot mat at \$150. These costs are approximate and may change based on number, size and quality of mats.

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**Other Ideas?**      We'd love your ideas for new projects!

## FROM ST. JAMES

### Prayer Corner

When offering you prayers to the Lord at home, please include the following people who are loved ones of our parish family:

Tim,	Thomas	Matt	Glenn	David	Kevin	Jeremy	Wilson	Toni	Marge	Aiden
Richard	Sue	Jim	Wayne	Deborah	E.B.	Russ	Carol	Fern	Carter	Sharon
Shirley	Alex	Mason	Craig	Eric	Kasey	David	Paul	Roger	Ken	Tyler
Brandon	Leah	Michael	Jake							

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> the prayer list names will be removed. If you wish a name of someone to be put back on the list or a new name of a loved one, please email or call the office before August 21<sup>st</sup> to have the name in the September newsletter and following bulletins. Please indicate the name of the person you are submitting, your name as submitting the name and the reason for prayers (optional). We need the name of the person and the contact person minimum. The full name of the person, the contact person and the reason for prayers will be kept confidential. Only the first name of the person will be published. Please provide information via email ([saint.james2@outlook.com](mailto:saint.james2@outlook.com)) or talk with Barb King in the office.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Property Committee members have been ‘enjoying’ this rainy summer because nearly all of the roof leaks in the nave, parish hall and barn have been SUCCESSFULLY addressed!!! Not to say that there isn’t more work to be done..... actually MUCH MORE WORK to be done..... but the urgency of significant roof leaks is at least temporarily behind us.

We are in the process of developing a Capital Improvement Timeline for St. James, whereby we will be able to graphically depict anticipated projects, each with a planned completion date (year) and an estimated cost. This is invaluable information which will enable church leadership to ‘look into the future’ and budget accordingly.

That said, we will be recommending to the Vestry that the exterior masonry walls of the parish hall be repaired and painted this fall and that the rectory attic be insulated and ventilated (for the first time since it was built some four score and seven+ years ago). Work on the masonry walls will correct current deterioration and will keep water from infiltrating and causing further damage, while resulting in a fresh, well-kept appearance. The attic insulation and ventilation was recommended in an Energy Audit which was performed on the rectory earlier this year. It will result in reduced heating costs and will pay for itself over time.

We are making progress toward a “State of Good Repair” at St. James, one project at a time!

Respectfully submitted,

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Property Committee

**School Supplies are on Sale** For many years now Saint James has helped area families provide back to school supplies for their children. Stores are presently featuring sales on such items. When you are out shopping, perhaps you could pick up a few things to donate to families who need help affording supplies. Below is a list of suggested supplies. If you can bring them to church by August 27th we will make sure they are distributed to local families.

Pencils/pens	Folders (two-pocket or pronged)
Colored pencils/crayons/markers	3-ring binders (any inch width)
Highlighters	Glue (liquid or stick)
Erasers	Scissors
Pencil sharpeners	Tissues
Loose leaf paper (college or wide ruled)	Backpacks
Spiral or composition notebooks	

#### **A Note from Shirley LeSeur**

Dear St. James Family,

Thank you so much for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour. Thanks to all who were involved, for the lovely corsage, the special certificate and the luncheon with a delicious cake.

Sincerely, Shirley

#### **Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries**

I would like to recognize and celebrate birthdays at the 90th, 95th, 100th (or higher!) year mark. Please make sure that your family's birthdays are correct in our parish records.

Another important event is wedding anniversaries. I would like to recognize that all important 1st anniversary, and then 50, 60, 70 years and up. Please make sure we have your wedding date (including year) in our parish records.

If you know of any milestone birthdays or anniversaries coming up in our church family, please let me know.

Mother Bonnie+

#### **SCRIP CARDS ON HAND**

There is currently a large inventory of scrip cards that have been in inventory for a considerable length of time. As long as the cards are in inventory we are not realizing the profit. Please help us reduce our inventory by purchasing these Scrip Cards. They are available in the office and at Coffee Hour.

Arby's	Bath & Body Works	Bed, Bath & Beyond	CVS	Denny's	Dick's
Domino's	Dunkin' Donuts	JC Penney	K F C	Kmart	Michaels
Office Max	Peebles	Pizza Hut	Rite Aid	Tim Horton's	Tops
Walgreen's	WalMart				

There are several popular cards we have on order that have not come in yet. The stock of the most popular cards will be in before next Sunday.

Bonnie Smith will have the scrip cards during coffee hour in the parish hall following the Sunday Service. Stop, say hello and make your purchase.

#### **COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There will be no coffee hours following services unless we have volunteers to set up, provide a snack and clean up. Currently we have no one for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### 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!



**PAINT CAN FUND** -- Around the church you will see paint cans. Another way to help with our improvements is to put a few dollars into the collection cans. These funds will be used to make small repairs and improvements before they become major jobs.

### RECIPE CORNER

#### Tomato-Cucumber Salad From Carol Queal

4 vine-ripe tomatoes cut into fork sized pieces  
1 cucumber, peeled, halved and sliced  
1 medium red onion, sliced  
1 small can chickpeas (Chi-Chi beans), drained  
Seven Seasons Italian Dressing (prepared per pkg. instructions) to generously coat ingredients  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl toss tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, chickpeas and coat with Italian Dressing. Add salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate for an hour.

#### Financial Summary for St. James Episcopal Church as of July 31, 2017

	2017 Year to Date	2016 Year to Date
<b>Income</b>		
Parishioner Giving	74,346	69,777
Non-Pledge Giving	17,138	4,474
Income from Investments	56,471	28,000
Other Income	6,202	9,718
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>154,157</b>	<b>111,969</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Diocesan Pledge	12,522	11,763
Outreach Expense	148	-
Personnel	80,887	83,171
Worship and Program Expense	6,053	8,633
Administrative Expenses	11,660	10,890
Building Expenses**	46,151	21,725
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>157,421</b>	<b>136,182</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(3,264)</b>	<b>(24,213)</b>

\*\*This includes roofing costs of \$6,131 that will be paid from memorial funds.

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### **All Our Children National Network Symposium**

The All Our Children National Network national Symposium will be in Columbia, SC January 16 - 18. This national, ecumenical event will be focusing the church's attention on the urgency of quality public education for all children. This three day gathering will include informative, interactive workshops and plenaries led by practicing educators, experienced community leaders, and hands-on researchers, including a keynote address by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

This will be an inspiring event for congregations with existing partnerships with public schools and for those who are interested in starting a public school partnership. There is an early-bird discount for the first 25 people to register before August 9. For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-our-children-the-churchs-role-in-education-equity-tickets-361-656-56452>



### **Episcopal Day at Darien Lake**

Join fellow Episcopalians, including Bishop Bill, for an end-of-summer romp through Darien Lake Amusement Park on Sunday, September 10th. The day includes an early cook-out of hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and sides from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. The cost of the day is \$25 per person (\$10 if you are a season pass holder) which includes the ticket to the park, dinner, and a pass for free parking.

Come by yourself or bring a group from your church. There will be an Episcopal home base near the carousel beginning at 1:00 pm.

To order your tickets send an email to [wschumacher@episcopalwny.org](mailto:wschumacher@episcopalwny.org). Tickets will be sent out the last week in August.



## **From the Community**

### **Premier Genesee**

At Premier Genesee Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (formerly the Genesee County Nursing Home), we have many residents of all ages. Many of our residents do not have close family to spend special time with them.

They are looking for some volunteers for a couple hours a week to read, play cards, make crafts, etc. with these residents.

Please, if you have any time you would like to give, contact Michelle Wilkin, Activity Coordinator at Premier Genesee. (585)344-0584.

### **All Babies Cherished**

On September 28<sup>th</sup> All Babies Cherished Pregnancy Assistance Center will be holding its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Dinner! We are asking for support of our 2017 Banquet to be held at the Quality Inn, Batavia. Our prayer is that you will be able to help underwrite this event so that the financial needs will be met in order to continue and expand this vital ministry.

The guest speaker is Melissa Ohden. Melissa is an American Christian, pro-life speaker who herself was a survivor of a failed saline abortion in 1977. She is a featured speaker on television and radio programs.

It is our desire to raise the funds from our underwriters before so every penny received that night will directly touch lives. If you would like to donate contributions may be sent to All Babies Cherished, 445 Ellicott Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

**August Fest**

On August 13<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Darien Center, is hosting a beef on wick dinner and basket raffles. The dinner will be served from Noon until sold out. Menu includes: roast beef on wick or plain roll, salt potatoes, cold slaw, sweet corn, dessert and beverage or beef sandwich only.

Adults \$9.00, Children (5 to 10) \$5.00, Under 5 free. Sandwich only \$6.50.

Tickets for the basket raffles will be sold from noon to 4:00pm. Drawings begin at 4:15 and you need not be present to win. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages available throughout the day. For more details see the poster on the bulletin board by the northwest entrance.

**Service Participants Schedule for the Month of August**

Can also be found on [www.stjamesbatavia.org](http://www.stjamesbatavia.org)

	<b>August 6</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>September 3</b>
<b>EM 1</b>	Barb Gray	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Cathy Judkins	Barb Gray	Theresa DeMars
<b>EM 2</b>	Russ Dvoroznak	Russ Dvoroznak	Diane Cox	Jeff Gray	Jack Kershner
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Jim Neider	Joan Ellison	Wayne Judkins	Jack Kershner	Lilo Townsend
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Nichole Essig	Lilo Townsend	Jim Neider	Barb Gray	Joan Ellison
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Rose Rumery	Keith Price	Larry Belluscio	Jim Neider	Rose Rumery
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jenna Essig	Diane Cox	Carol Queal	Alieda Blossom	Keith Price
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry	Peg & Alan Abrams	Nancy Harrington Bill Coughlin	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff Gray Dean Perry	Bonnie Smith & Wayne Townsend	Wayne Judkins Dean Perry	Peg & Alan Abrams	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Dean Perry Don Fox	Jolene & Dick Folger	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak	Karen & Harold Odell	Donna Kauffman Jack Kershner
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Kathy Belluscio	Deanery Picnic	Diane Cox Barb Pierce	Need a volunteer	Need a volunteer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Dean Perry	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins	Karen & Harold Odell	Barb King
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Donna Kauffman Joanne Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger Rich Geitner	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Donna Kauffman Joanne Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine

## St. James Calendar

Sun Aug 6	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour & Discussion Group
Mon Aug 7	5:00pm – 6:00 pm	Connections, First Presbyterian Church
Tue Aug 8	2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Holy Eucharist at Gen. Co. Nursing Home
Wed Aug 9	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Aug 10	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Agenda Meeting
<b>Sun Aug 13</b>	<b>11:00am – 2:00pm</b>	<b>Genesee Deanery Service and Picnic on Lawn</b>
Thu Aug 17	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
Sun Aug 20	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Wed Aug 23	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Aug 24	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens/Treasurers Meeting – Rector’s Office
Sun Aug 27	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm 1:00 pm – 5:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour & Discussion Group Vestry Picnic
Tue Aug 29	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
Wed Aug 30	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Aug 31	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Sun Sept 3	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour & Discussion Group



**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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